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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

S.F. FILE NO. 100-6359

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
San Francisco, Calif.	10/14/41	9/19,23,24/41	A. C. SMITH alm

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF, with alias VICTOR ARNAOOTOV	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject is president of the Russian American Society for Assistance to the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain in the Struggle Against Hitler's Fascism, which is considered a new Communist Front organization. Informant states Subject is a known Communist. Subject is member of the General Committee of the Citizens Committee for American Allied Defense, which sponsored Walter Duranty in San Francisco. Subject reported to be educational director of his branch, the Alamo Club of the Golden Gate Section of the Communist Party. Custodial detention memorandum submitted.

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DETAILS At San Francisco, California

This investigation is predicated upon a report by AMELIA M. ANDERSON, Director of the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House at 953 DeHaro Street, who on July 23, 1941, advised this office that since the outbreak of hostilities between Germany and Russia, a new organization had sprung up in this Russian neighborhood called the Russian American Society to Aid the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain, and that the president of this organization is VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF who resides at 547 - 37 Avenue.

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On July 24, 1941, a report was received from [redacted] which stated in part as follows:

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"From a source considered reliable, information was received relative to the establishing of an organization known as the 'Russian American Society for Assistance to the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain in the Struggle against Hitler's Fascism.' The following are the officers of this new organization: V. M. ARNAUTOFF, President, 647 - 37 Avenue; U. G. BRATOFF, Vice President 321 Divisadero St.; N. I. KARNOUGH, Secretary, 32 Middle Street; F. T. SISOEFF, treasurer, Potrero Hill. The following are members of the Executive Committee: FINEGOLD (FAINGOLD) 1013 Shotwell St.; T. PAPIN, 400 Peru St., S. I. SHCHERBAKOFF, 1885 Golden Gate Avenue; V. OSTASHEVSKY, 675 Innes Street; and V. G. SEMENOVA (woman) 2652 - 22 Street. The objectives, rules and regulations of this organization will be set out; it is well to note at this point, however, that the first article of the rules and regulations is as follows: "Full aid to U.S.S.R., Great Britain and to all those who fight German Fascism." This article is identical with the party line adopted at the Emergency Convention of the National Committee of the American Communist Party.

"It is reported that V. M. ARNAUTOFF, President; N. I. KARNOUGH, Secretary; F. T. SISOEFF, Treasurer; and D. FINEGOLD (FAINGOLD) and V. G. SEMENOV, members of the Executive Committee, are reported to have had a long record of participation in Communist controlled organizations.

"It appears that this is a typical Communist front organization and is an attempt to have a patriotic appeal for the White Russians in this country and to draw them into this Front organization either because of that appeal or for failure on the part of this group to realize the ultimate purpose of the Society.

"The following are the rules and regulations as well as the objectives of the new organization:

"1. Full aid to U.S.S.R., Great Britain and to all those who fight German Fascism.

"2. The assistance is to be rendered in the following manner:

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"(a) Full support to the U.S. Government in all its measures directed toward the cooperation with U.S.S.R. and Great Britain for the purpose of destruction of the Fascistic militarism;

"(b) To see that the Government of the U.S.A. renders full econimic and technical assistance to U.S.S.R. and Great Britain in order to provide for the victory over Hitlerism in Europe, and thus divert the threat of Nazism from the American shores;

"(c) The Society aims to unite all, irrespective of their religious and political beliefs, for the struggle against Hitlerism. We must forget forever, all our former misunderstandings, we must utilize all our energy and exert all our strength in order to help smash German Fascism, to help the defense of our Fatherland, and thus strengthen the defense of our new Fatherland -- the U.S.A.;

"(d) The Society welcomes and gladly accepts help and participation of all persons and organizations which, not being members of this Society, nevertheless agree with its aims and principles;

"(e) The Society collects money, medical products, clothing and other materials. The collections will be carried on among the Russian and American civic and religious organizations and everything thus collected will be sent to the people of our Fatherland that suffer from the effects of the war, and to the Russian soldiers who fight for the liberation of Europe from Hitlerism. The collection will be conducted by means of organization of public meetings, parties, subscription lists and ny creation of the following groups; sewing, knitting, and so on, which will work to provide supplies for the people and the members of the army who suffered from the effects of the war. If possible all this aid will be rendered through the medium of the American Red Cross.

"3. Recognizing the existence of anti-Soviet and anti-British propaganda in this country, which interferes with the work of this Society for aid to the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain, the Society organizes an Information Bureau. This Bureau will collect and distribute informational material

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"free from the above mentioned propaganda. Such material will include the official information made public by the Soviet Government or the Soviet press, and it will be made available in Russian and English languages.

"4. One of the objectives of the Society will be the work of enlisting the aid and cooperation of other American and Russian organizations and churches for the aid to U.S.S.R. and Great Britain in the struggle with Fascism.

"5. All persons who agree with the aims of the Society, irrespective of their nationality, religious or political beliefs, may become the members of the Society. The candidates will be accepted to the membership at the general meetings and upon recommendation of the Executive Committee.

"6. Not only individuals but entire organizations may be accepted to the mbmership. The membership fee in case of individuals is 0.25 cents. In case of whole organizations: 1 cent from each member of the given organization. The Executive Committee has the right to excuse members from payment of the membership fees.

"7. Organizations entering as members of the Society will send two representatives for every 25 members of their organizations (or a portion of 25 members if the organization is that small). The delegates will have the right of decisive votes at all general meetings and at the meetings of the Executive Committee.

"These rules and regulations were accepted at the general meeting which took place on the 7th of July 1941, and they will come into force after this Society is formally and legally registered with the Government of the United States of America."

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On August 8, 1941, Confidential Informant reported to this office that VICTOR ARNAOOTOV is President of the Committee to aid the Soviet. This informant further advised that ARNAOOTOV is a known Communist. It is believed that ARNAOOTOV and ARNAUTOFF are identical.

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It is noted in San Francisco file 100-6034, Serial 1, entitled CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR THE AMERICAN ALLIED DEFENSE that there is contained a letterhead of the General Committee of that organization, which sponsored the Walter Duranty meeting in San Francisco August 27, 1941. This letterhead carried the names of the various committees sponsoring this meeting and many names appeared on this list who were subjects of Communist Internal Security cases in the San Francisco Field Division and VICTOR ARNAUTOFF's name also appeared as a member of the General Committee of this group.

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IT WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON 8-21-41, THAT ~~In the report of Special Agent R. A. KING, San Francisco, dated August 21, 1941, entitled COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE U.S.A.; INTERNAL SECURITY - C, San Francisco File 100-4622-21, p.24, it is stated that~~ VICTOR ARNAUTOFF is President of the Russian American Society to Aid the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain in the Struggle Against Hitler's Fascism, and his name appears in the organizational picture of the Communist Party as educational director for his branch, the Alamo Club of the Golden Gate Section of the Communist Party. ARNAUTOFF is an artist and some years ago painted murals in San Francisco which aroused a storm of protest over their Communistic preachments.

OMIT IN CC TO D/R

A custodial detention memorandum is being submitted to the Bureau regarding Subject.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At San Francisco, California

Will attempt through confidential informants and other sources to obtain a physical description of Subject and will attempt to develop further information regarding his activities.

Will check Police Department, Retailers Credit Bureau and Voters Registration for all information available on Subject.

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Re: CUSTODIAL DETENTION MEMORANDA
Internal Security - C

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are custodial detention memoranda on the following individuals who are the subjects of investigation by the San Francisco office:

VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF, w.a.

BETTY GANNETT, w.as.

R. M. HANSEN

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. Pieper

N. J. L. PIEPER
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CUSTODIAL DETENTION MEMORANDUM

VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF, alias
Victor Arnaootov
547 - 37 Avenue
San Francisco, California

COMMUNIST

San Francisco
File 100-6359

The name of the above individual is submitted to the Bureau for consideration for custodial detention in the event of a national emergency. The following information is summarized from the San Francisco files:

1) VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF, alias VICTOR ARNAOOTOV

2) Residence, 547 - 37 Avenue, San Francisco, California
Occupation, probably artist

3) Nationalistic tendency - Communist

4) Citizenship status - Unknown

5) Subject is President of the Russian American Society for Assistance to the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain in the Struggle against Hitler's Fascism. It is believed this organization is a new Communist Front organization.
(Source - Confidential Informant [redacted], S.F. File 100-5896-2)

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Subject is a known Communist.
(Source - Confidential Informant [redacted])

Subject is Educational Director of his branch of the Communist Party, the Alamo Club of the Golden Gate Section.
(Source - S.F. File 100-4622-21, p.24)

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Case Originated at: SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA			File No. 100-6359
Report made at: San Francisco, Calif.	Date Made: 1/6/43	Period 11/28,29,30/42; 12/1,2,3,7/42	Report made by: WILLIAM F. GIESEN dmr
Title: "CHANGED" VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was VICTOR MIKHAIL ARNAUTOFF; VICTOR ARNAOOTOV			Character of case: INTERNAL SECURITY - C CUSTODIAL DETENTION

SYNOPSIS: Subject residing at 547 37th Avenue. Description, employment, draft and citizenship status set forth. Subject is President of the Russian-American Society; Treasurer of Citizens' Committee for American Allied Defense; sponsor of Young People's San Francisco Committee for Soldier Welfare; Committee Chairman for Russian War Relief; all of which are believed to be Communistic front organizations. Subject is known to associate with Communists.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. C. SMITH dated 10/14/41 at San Francisco.

DETAILS:

The title of this report is being changed to reflect the addition of the middle name MICHAEL as it appears in subject's citizenship papers and to add the middle name MIKHAIL, evidently the Russian for MICHAEL, as it is set forth in subject's Selective Service Registration.

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FULL AND CORRECT NAME AND ALIASES AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, alias VICTOR MIKHAIL ARNAUTOFF, alias VICTOR ARNAOOTOV.

DESCRIPTION:

Age: 46
Born: November 11, 1896
Place of Birth: Marinpol, Russia
Citizenship Status: Naturalized citizen
Race: White
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 150
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Complexion: Ruddy
Marital Status: Married

A photograph of subject was obtained and will be maintained in the San Francisco Field Division file.

RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS ADDRESS:

Subject presently resides at 547 37th Avenue, San Francisco. He is employed as an Assistant to the Professor at the Stanford University at Palo Alto, California. He is also the President of the Russian-American Society, 60 Post Street, Room 226, San Francisco.

NATIONALISTIC TENDENCY:

Communistic.

CITIZENSHIP STATUS:

An examination of the records at the Office of Immigration and Naturalization in San Francisco revealed that subject is a naturalized citizenship holding Certificate No. 4331663, dated August 2, 1937, issued by the U. S. District Court of San Francisco to subject under the name VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF. The files of the Department of Immigration and Naturalization also revealed that subject had filed petition No. 33495 in the institution of his citizenship proceedings and in said petition subject stated that his wife's name

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Subject also stated that he had become married September 2, 1923 at Mukden, China. His wife was born at Vladivostok, Russia, on February 6, 1903. The petition also states that the couple entered the United States at Nogales, Arizona, on May 23, 1931. Subject stated he had three children, MICHAEL, born June 8, 1924 in China; BASIL, born October 9, 1925, in China; JACOB, born September 11, 1930 in Mexico. The petition also indicates that subject's last foreign residence was Coyocan, Mexico. Subject stated that he had emmigrated to the United States from Mexico City, Mexico, and had entered as previously stated at Nogales, Arizona, under the name of VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF on foot. The witnesses to his petition in the citizenship proceedings were RALPH STACKPOLE, 312 Filbert Street, occupation artist, and HARRIET F. WHEDON, 433 Powell Street, occupation house wife.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

Conf Int [redacted] provided the following information:

On 10/17/38, subject appeared as sponsor of the newly-formed Committee to Aid Agricultural organization.

On 2/21/39, subject was scheduled to speak under the auspices of the American-Russian Institute on "Soviet Arts and Artists".

On 4/14/39, subject was described as a well-known San Francisco artist and a teacher, to be one of the speakers at a meeting to be held under the auspices of the Artists' Committee for the Defense of Democracy.

On 7/30/41, subject was scheduled to speak at a mass meeting at Oakland under the auspices of the American Peace Mobilization representing the Russian-American Committee to aid the U.S.S.R. and Britain.

On 10/1/41, subject was scheduled to speak at a meeting of the American-Russian Committee for Medical Aid to Russia.

On 12/9/41, subject was one of the sponsors of an art sale at a benefit for the Russian War Relief under the auspices of the American-Russian Institute.

On 10/20/42, the subject contributed art works to the annual People's World Art Auction.

The following represents a summary of information appearing in the San Francisco files relative to subject:

On 7/31/41, it was ascertained that subject was the President of the Russian-American Society to Aid the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain to Defeat Hitler's Fasicsm. (Source A. SF File 100-5896-4.)

On 8/26/41, information was received that subject is Treasurer of the Citizens' Committee for American-Allied Defense, which is believed to be a Communist Front Organization. ([redacted] file 100-6034-1.)

On 9/27/41, the information that subject was the President of the Russian-American Society to aid U.S.S.R. and Great Britain was verified and subject, at a meeting of this society, held on November 3, 1941, announced the incorporation of said society was being handled by GEORGE ANDERSEN. (Communist Party Attorney.). The Soviet Consul General in San Francisco had considerable influence in the organization during its formative stage and the organization is dominated by known and suspected Communists. Informant [redacted], who supplied this information, concluded that this organization was being used by the Communist Party and the Soviet Government. (Source, [redacted], file 100-5896-15.)

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On 11/19/41, subject's name appeared as a sponsor on a letter of the Young People's San Francisco Committee for Soldier Welfare, believed to be a Communist Front Organization. (Source, [redacted], SF file 100-7295-2. Also, People's World dated 11/27/41, SF file 100-10447-1.)

On 3/31/42, the People's World carried an article in which subject's name appeared as a Committee Chairman for the Russian War Relief. (Source, People's World, SF file 100-6691-32.)

On 6/20/42, information was received that the articles of incorporation of the Russian-American Society, Inc., which is the corporate name of the Russian-American Society to Aid the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain, lists subject as a director of said corporation. (Source, [redacted], SF file 100-5896-37.)

On 12/7/42, Source B was interviewed by OTHO A. EZELL and this source stated that subject was known to him to be a communist, while he, Source B, was a member of the Russian-American Society. He stated that numerous White Russians were members of the Russian-American Society until about January, 1942, at which time the Communists in this society started to distribute Communistic propaganda; therefore, the White Russians severed relations and membership in this society and formed a society called the United Russian Society. Source B advised that the Russian-American Society publishes a pamphlet entitled "For the Victory" which is definitely Communist propaganda.

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Subject is known to associate with known communists and Confidential Informants have supplied this office with information indicating this association from time to time: to wit:

[redacted] advised that she was present on one occasion when subject met JOHN PITTMAN (negro communist) and told PITTMAN that a rally was going to be held for all anti-Fascist groups and subject stated that they wanted the negro groups to be represented;

[redacted] was present on one occasion when ISAAC FOLKOFF met SUE BARRY (editorialist of the staff of the People's World) and referred her to subject for some information pertinent to Russian History. FOLKOFF, who is a well-known Communist in the San Francisco territory, referred to the subject as a "scholar";

[redacted] was present on another occasion when LEO BAROWAY met subject and BAROWAY stated that he was sorry that he had missed subject "last night", whereupon subject stated that he was teaching every day at Palo Alto and was kept very busy. It is pointed out that LEO BAROWAY is a well-known Communist in the San Francisco Field Division;

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[redacted] was present on another occasion when FOLKOFF met the subject one morning and FOLKOFF suggested that he get in subject's car a minute to "talk things over";

On another occasion, [redacted] was present when the Secretary at ANDERSON's office met subject and requested him to "Come up to the office." As previously mentioned, ANDERSON is the Communist Party attorney;

On another occasion, [redacted] overheard subject mention that he was going to see OLETA O'CONNOR, (a Communist Party functionary in the San Francisco Field Division).

A search of the files of the San Francisco Police Department was conducted with a view towards obtaining information as to any possible criminal record on the subject, with negative results.

A search of the files of the San Francisco Retailers' Credit Association indicated that subject was known to their files and that he carried a small, three-figure Commercial and small three-figure Savings account. These files also revealed that subject maintained a small art studio at 730 Montgomery Street, San Francisco. The files furnished no further information.

MR. OLIN WELLS, member of Local Board 89, supplied the Selective Service File pertaining to the subject, in which subject stated that he was born November 11, 1896, at Marinpol, Russia, and that he was employed

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at Stanford University. Subjedt's physical description was also set forth and appears in this report under "Description".

An examination of subject's occupational questionnaire indicated that subject's Social Security No. was 545-05-6678, and his education consisted of 8 years Grammar School, 4 years High School, 3 years trade school and 2 years college.

An examination of the files at the San Francisco Registrar of Voters indicated that subject had registered on September 25, 1941 as a Democrat.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIAE

Will keep in contact with informants for any information pertaining to the subject and report the same from time to time.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

SOURCE A: [redacted]
San Francisco, California

SOURCE B: [redacted]
San Francisco, California
(Russian name: [redacted])

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This Case Originated at: SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA S.F.File 100-6359

Made at:	Date:	Period:	Made by:
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	10/1/43	9/2/43	JOHN PHILIP MANTON jo

Title:	Character:
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, with aliases	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS: Subject, a member of Golden Gate Section of the Communist Party in San Francisco, has continued his Communist Party activities during 1943 in the RUSSIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY and Slavic groups. He was recently elected to the Board of the AMERICAN-RUSSIAN INSTITUTE and is on the Editorial Board of a magazine published by the Institute. Review of file indicates subject was former Red officer in Russia and he is attempting to form a Slavic Group in the California State Guard and be its Commanding Officer.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent WILLIAM F. GIESEN dated January 6, 1943, at San Francisco.

DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

SOURCE G advised that subject was a member of the Golden Gate Section, Branch unknown, of the Communist Party, Thirteenth District.

SOURCE A advised that during February and March of 1943, ARNAUTOFF was very active in the AMERICAN-RUSSIAN INSTITUTE and that in May of 1943 he was placed on the Editorial Board

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of a small magazine published by the AMERICAN-RUSSIAN INSTITUTE, and also was elected to the Board of the Institute itself. This source also advised that during this period, ARNAUTOFF was continuing in his position in the Art Department of Stanford University and was in the RUSSIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY office during his free time. This source also advised that ARNAUTOFF was instrumental in writing radio scripts broadcast from radio station KGO in San Francisco during June and July of 1943, which scripts were broadcast for advertising purposes by the AMERICAN-RUSSIAN INSTITUTE.

SOURCE A further revealed that ARNAUTOFF was friendly with and seenin the company of numerous Communist Party functionaries in the San Francisco rea.

A review of the San Francisco Field Division file indicates that an article appeared in the People's World newspaper in the issue of April 14, 1938, which gave a complete background of subject's life. The following pertinent information is taken from this article:

The article reveals that subject was born in 1896 in the Russian Ukraine, his mother of English ancestry and his father a Russian Orthodox priest of the peasant class. He entered the Imperial Art School at St. Petersburg. At this time War broke out in Russia and he entered a military cavalry school. He was later sent to Riga, Latvia, and experienced active service in the Baltic Sea provinces. When the Civil War broke out, ARNAUTOFF was drafted into the Red Army as Chief of Squadron, rank, Lieutenant. At this time the Red Army was just forming and on one evening ARNAUTOFF went to the theater and sensed nothing amiss until he saw the streets swarming with soldiers. When he learned the soldiers were White, he feared punishment from the Reds for not having known of their unexpected retreat, and from the Whites for being a Red. However, he was absorbed the White Army and within the week sent into Serbia.

ARNAUTOFF said that at this time he had no political knowledge nor convictions. He did not understand the motives of either of the belligerents. After the War, he found himself in Harbin, exhausted the trials of war and he worked at various odd artistic jobs. In 1922, CHANG TSO LIN, Manchurian War Lord, summoned ARNAUTOFF to supervise the Manchurian Cavalry, in which position he remained until 1925, and during this time, he married the daughter of the retired military aide of the Russian Embassy in China.

In 1925, ARNAUTOFF came to San Francisco and enrolled in the San Francisco School of Fine Arts. At this school he won the Ann Premer Price and accepted a mural commission in Mexico City. Upon returning in 1931, he received a commission for a mural in the Palo Alto Medical Clinic.

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The article went on to state further that now that ARNAUTOFF has had time to look back upon all his experiences and to think them over, he has developed very definite political convictions. He was formerly an idealist and used to believe that the existing forms of government were not necessarily wrong but that the trouble lay with the bad people within government officialdom. Corruption was caused, in other words, by personalities rather than governmental pattern. Now he believes that the pattern needs to be changed to prevent the wrong-thinking individuals from causing havoc.

On March 11, 1943, Source B revealed that ARNAUTOFF was born in Russia and was a cavalry officer in the Russian Army during the First World War, and that he was compelled to flee to Manchuria in 1920, due to a misunderstanding with the leaders of the Communist Party in Russia. While in Manchuria he joined the Army of General MA, known as the Christian War Lord, and became a cavalry instructor, during which time he married a Russian girl in Mukden in the early 1920's and came to the United States on a temporary passport (described by informant as a Refugee's Passport), but was required to leave the United States after a short stay. He went to Mexico where he studied mural and fresco painting with DIEGO RIVERA, a Communist. He later returned to the United States on a Mexican Immigration Quota Number.

Informant stated he became acquainted with subject rather intimately and on one occasion paid all bills incurred when subject was ill, and later, when subject and family were practically destitute, informant secured a contract for subject to paint some murals. Subject and informant became estranged when ARNAUTOFF told informant that despite the help he had received from him, he, ARNAUTOFF, would personally be glad to destroy the informant when the "revolution came." ARNAUTOFF is described by the informant as an extremely able individual with great capabilities as an organizer, a "violent, belligerent, blood-thirsty, Communist," who has made the statement, "It is perfectly proper to kill for political purposes."

Source C advised on March 10, 1943, that LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, wife of subject, is employed in a clerical capacity at the AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION, Russian agency in San Francisco, and that both Mr. and Mrs. ARNAUTOFF have recently been active in organizing the ALL-SLAVIC ALLIANCE, which is an organization that seeks to unite the various Slav groups in the city of San Francisco. Its purpose is to create a better understanding among Slavs and the purposes and ideals of the American Government, especially in pursuing the present war.

Source C further advised that during the first week in March of 1943, ARNAUTOFF was approached by some ranking officer in the California State Guard concerning the forming of an All-Slavic or All-American-Russian

regiment in the State Guard. Informant was of the opinion that the move had been sponsored by ARNAUTOFF and was being presented to the State Guard in the guise of being a tribute to America's ally, Russia. Informant did not know the exact form that this regiment was to attain, but he did state that he believed the formation of this particular regiment was being seriously considered and that ARNAUTOFF was to be its Commanding Officer.

Source D stated that according to his files, on September 23, 1940, subject was a speaker at a luncheon given by the Interprofessional Association, an alleged Communist Party Front organization, under the direction of HELEN PELL, known Communist in the San Francisco area. On November 30, 1940, informant advised that subject donated a water color picture for a drawing to benefit the People's World newspaper, Communist Party news organ on the West Coast. This source also provided this office with a letterhead which indicated that subject was Vice President of the ALL SLAVIC COMMITTEE OF SAN FRANCISCO in 1943, with address at 68 Post Street, Room 226, which is the address of the Russian-American Society.

Source E advised that ARNAUTOFF meets on numerous occasions with known Communist Party functionaries in the San Francisco Area, among whom are LOUISE BRANSTEN and OLETA O'CONNOR YATES.

Source F also advised that subject was seen in the company of numerous known Communists.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At San Francisco, California:

- Will ascertain whether or not subject is presently a Commanding Officer of an All-Slavic Regiment in the California State Guard and will follow subject's activities.

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RE: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Report of Special Agent JOHN PHILIP MANTON
dated 10/1/43 at San Francisco, California.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

SOURCE A: Confidential Informant [redacted].

SOURCE B: A confidential Informant of the War Department, as set forth in letter from the War Department dated March 11, 1943. (100-6359-9).

SOURCE C: [redacted]

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SOURCE D: Confidential Informant [redacted].

SOURCE E: Confidential Informant [redacted].

SOURCE F: Confidential Informant [redacted]

It should be noted that this source advised on August 14, 1943, that subject is in constant touch with various members of the Russian Consulate and that on August 14, 1943, subject had dinner at the home of Gregory Kheifets, Vice Consul, USSR Consulate at San Francisco.

SOURCE G: Confidential Informant [redacted]

The above sources of information were given symbols because of their official positions, and the confidential informants of this office were given symbols to further protect their identities.

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SAN FRANCISCO	11/24/43	11/3,4/43	WILLIAM PATRICK GARVEY alm

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, with aliases	INTERNAL SECURITY 43218

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject has no connection with California State Guard. Confidential Informants and sources of information advise Subject continues his Communist activities; was believed to have been invited to attend San Francisco County Communist Party convention 9/12/43 and was member of Executive Committee for mass meeting and reception of Northern California to official Soviet delegation, held San Francisco 8/31/43.

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REFERENCE Report of Special Agt. JOHN PHILIP MANTON, San Francisco, 10/1/43

DETAILS Subject's name is maintained on the Key Figure list of Communist Party members in the San Francisco Field Division.

Major LEONARD A. WORTHINGTON of the California State Guard, 1400 Mission Street, San Francisco, advised that his office had no record of Subject having any connection whatsoever with the California State Guard. He advised that any information regarding the formation of a racial group or company within the California State Guard was erroneous inasmuch as this would be contrary to the policy of the Adjutant of the California State Guard. He advised that there would not be set up within the California State Guard any racial group.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that a meeting of the Russian-American Society was held October 18, 1943, at 422 Sutter Street, San Francisco. Informant advised that Subject presided as chairman of the meeting and as such made a report on the preparations being made for

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celebrating the twenty-sixth anniversary of the Soviet Union on November 7, 1943. ARNAUTOFF announced at this meeting that the Soviet Consul had agreed to appear at the celebration and make a speech. He also stated that he had an appointment in the very near future with ANNA LOUISE STRONG and was endeavoring to convince her to be the main speaker of the evening at the celebration.

Source A advised that he had received information that Subject had been invited to attend as a guest the San Francisco County Communist Party convention held at 121 Haight Street, San Francisco on Sept. 12, 1943. However, Source advised he did not know whether Subject actually attended the convention.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished this office with a program of the mass meeting and reception for the official Soviet delegation held at the Civic Auditorium August 31, 1943, in San Francisco. Subject's name was listed as a member of the Executive Committee under the Reception Committee of Northern California to the Soviet Delegation.

Confidential Informants and sources of information of this office have reported on various occasions that Subject is continuing his Communist activities in the San Francisco Field Division.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At San Francisco, California

Will follow and report Subject's Communist Party activities.

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES

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A Confidential Informant [redacted] who furnished a list of individuals believed to have been invited to attend the San Francisco County Communist Party convention held in San Francisco on Sept. 12, 1943.

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February 29, 1944

Special Agent in Charge

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San Francisco, California

RE: SECURITY MATTER

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a security index card has been prepared at the Bureau, captioned as follows:

ARNAUTOFF, VICTOR MICHAEL — NATURALIZED Russian — COMMUNIST

aliases:
Victor Mikhail Arnautoff
Victor Arnaoctov

547 - 27th Ave.
San Francisco, California (Res.)

Stanford University
Palo Alto, California (Bus.)

The above caption should be checked immediately for accuracy against the information contained in your files, and the Bureau should be informed of any discrepancies. You will prepare without delay a 5" x 8" white card captioned as above and reflecting your investigative case file number for filing in your Confidential Security Index Card File. In the event the above caption is not correct, the card you prepare should be correctly captioned, and the Bureau should be informed of the correct caption.

The caption of the card prepared and filed in your Office must be kept current at all times and the Bureau immediately advised of any changes made therein in that connection.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California
March 20, 1944

Director, FBI

RE: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bureau File 100-47675

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if photo not good, submit another
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Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith three copies of subject's photograph which were secured by copying a photograph of him appearing in his Petition for Naturalization in the files of the United States District Court at San Francisco. It is believed to have been taken in 1937.

This photograph is being forwarded in view of subject's status as a key figure.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. PIEPER
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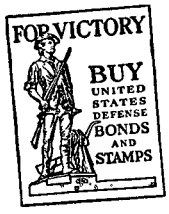

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RE: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Victor M. Arnautoff

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF	4/14/44	4/4,5,6,7, 10,11/44	BLAYNEY JONES BARTON mn

TITLE CHANGED
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was Victor Mikhail Arnautoff, Victor Arnacotov, Victor Michail Arnautoff

CHARACTER OF CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject 1944 president Russian-American Society. Sponsor of meeting to commemorate Russian Revolution November 1943. Attended Communist Party meeting January 1944. Active raising funds for Russian-American Society. Promoted 26th Anniversary Celebration commemorating the founding of Red Army.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 100-47675
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM PATRICK GARVEY dated November 24, 1943 at San Francisco

DETAILS: The title of this case is being marked changed to record the additional alias of Subject. Civilian Defense records in the City Hall of San Francisco reflect Subject using the name VICTOR MICHAIL ARNAUTOFF.

Subject's name is maintained on the key figure list of Communist Party members in the San Francisco Field Division.

On February 5, 1944, Special Agent WILLIAM JOHN HURLEY, Accountant, received information to the effect that Subject might possibly have enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley, California in February 1943. Special Agent HURLEY further ascertained that Subject was apparently dismissed from the University of California in June 1943 for failure to maintain scholastic standards; however, investigation reflected

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that the individual who attended the University of California was VICTOR VASILY ARNAUTOFF, son of the Subject of instant case.

Investigation at Local Draft Board # 89, 5108 Geary Street, San Francisco determined the fact that captioned Subject is presently teaching at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. His title is that of Assistant Professor of Graphic Arts.

At the Civilian Defense Headquarters, City Hall, San Francisco, Mrs. EDITH BRANSTEN advised captioned Subject had registered for Civilian Defense work; however, he had never been called to active duty. Civilian Defense records has the name as VICTOR MICHAIL ARNAUTOFF on one side of the Civilian Defense Registration card and VICTOR MIKHAIL ARNAUTOFF on the other side of the Civilian Defense card. Subject was fingerprinted December 13, 1940 by Civilian Defense on an applicant form card. He indicated that he was born November 11, 1896 in Russia and presently has relatives in the U.S.S.R. He indicated that he had no physical disabilities and had never been convicted of a felony and was presently using California driver's license M 90018.

Interview of confidential informants of the San Francisco Field Division reflected the following current Communist activity of Subject:

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that in December 1943, Subject was chairman of a Russian-American Society meeting. Subject was listed as president of this Society at this time. T-1 said he had heard a formal election had been held to elect officers in the Russian-American Society in January 1944 and that Subject was continued in office as President. T-1 advised there were two groups in the Russian-American Society and that Subject encountered considerable opposition from one group before he was elected President in the Russian-American Society; however, he seemed to represent the dominating group.

T-1 remembered being present at a meeting of the Russian-American Society in January or February 1944 when Subject, ARNAUTOFF, gave a talk on the life and work of LENIN. ARNAUTOFF, at this time, made a statement to the effect that the Russian-American Society and another organization by the name of AMERICAN SOVIET FRIENDSHIP, were going to get together in February 1944 and honor GEORGE WASHINGTON's birthday. However, in addition to honoring WASHINGTON's birthday, the purpose of the meeting was also to honor the 26th Anniversary of the founding of the Red Army.

T-1 said he believed ARNAUTOFF was President of the Russian-American Society at the beginning of the Russo-German war in June 1941.

T-1 engaged in a group conversation with ARNAUTOFF and others

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in March 1944 and at this time ARNAUTOFF made reference to the financial success which had resulted from the Red Army Day Celebration held in conjunction with Washington's Birthday Celebration February 22, 1944. ARNAUTOFF made the statement that the celebration resulted in a profit of $525.00.

Special Agents DAVIS WATSON CABLE and EDWARD DORNLAS observed Subject entering a meeting of the Communist Party at 2637 Lyon Street, San Francisco during the evening of January 14, 1944.

Confidential Informant T-2 recalled Subject's activity with Professor HOLLAND ROBERTS of the Stanford University Faculty in staging a meeting at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Francisco to commemorate the anniversary of the Russian revolution. T-2 observed that the Russian Consul General of San Francisco was to be introduced at this meeting and a collection was to be taken.

T-2 heard ARNAUTOFF say that he was going to Stanford University to meet with ROBERTS and there make plans for this meeting.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised he had been present when ARNAUTOFF congratulated members of the Communist Party on the success of the Russian Revolution. T-3 particularly recalled Subject congratulating various responsible Communist individuals at the time the Russian Army recaptured Kiev. T-3 believed this was in November 1943. T-3 further recalled Subject stating at a function of the Russian-American Society in either October or November 1943, that the Russian-American Society had collected $1857.85 at one of its functions. ARNAUTOFF remarked at the conclusion of this function, that considerably more money could have been collected had the Russian-American Society used the services of better collectors.

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SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO will contact Confidential Informants of the San Francisco office who are acquainted with Communist developments and trends and from time to time determine Subject's current Communist activities.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-1

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-2

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-3

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Special Agents DAVIS WATSON CABLE and EDWARD DORNLAS observed Subject entering a Professional Section Communist Party meeting held January 14, 1944 at 2638 Lyon Street, San Francisco.

Special Agents H. L. BROWNE and W. J. HURLEY observed the occupants of a car registered to the Subject enter a meeting of the Professional Section of the Communist Party held at 1830 Gough Street, Apartment 3 on December 16, 1943.

Symbols were used to protect the identity of Informants.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 6, 1944

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Bureau file 100-47675

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent BLANEY JONES BARTON, dated 4/14/44 at San Francisco.

It will be noted that with the submission of the above report this case was placed in a pending inactive status.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: February 7, 1945

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Refer 5 I.S.)
(Bureau File 100-47675)

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You will note that the enclosed report of Special Agent JOHN FREDERICK PRESTON, JR. dated February 7, 1945, at San Francisco, in the above captioned matter, places this case in a pending inactive status.

Enclosed also are three photostatic copies of a Civilian Defense fingerprint card on file at the Office of Civilian Defense, San Francisco. The reverse side of this card bears subject's signature and other data in subject's handwriting. This material is forwarded in view of subject's status as a key figure.

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CITY AND COU[illegible] SAN FRANCISCO

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Date Dec 13 1941

Indicate service preference: Air Raid Warden [illegible] Fireman Auxiliary Police Officer

1. Name Arnautoff Victor Mikhail (Surname) (Given) (Middle) Age 45 Height 5'10" Weight 150 Social Security No. 545-05-6678
2. Home Address 547-37 ave. Home Phone No. BA 1346
3. Present Occupation Art Instructor Stanford U. Employed by Stanford University Phone No.
4. Business Address 730 Montgomery St.
5. Birthplace Russia Married yes Single Male yes Female
6. U.S. Citizen yes Naturalized yes First Papers Race Alien registration No.
7. Relatives in foreign countries If so, what country U.S.S.R.
8. Any physical disability no
9. Have you ever been arrested on a felony charge no
10. Education: (Circle number of years) Grade School 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 High School 1 2 3 4 College 1 2 3 4
11. Languages:

	Read	Write		Read	Write		Read	Write		Read	Write
1 FRENCH	☐	☐	4 SPANISH	☐	☐	7 RUSSIAN	☒	☒	10 SWEDISH	☐	☐
2 GERMAN	☐	☐	5 JAPANESE	☐	☐	8 PORTUGUESE	☐	☐	11	☐	☐
3 ITALIAN	☐	☐	6 CHINESE	☐	☐	9 SLAVONIAN	☐	☐	12	☐	☐

12. Can you operate: An Automobile yes Truck Bus Motorcycle
13. Operator's License No. M-90018
14. Check any of the following in which you have had experience: designating as a,b,c,d,etc. in order of your ability.

1- Able Seaman	1-Carpenter	1-First-aid	1-Printer	1-Telegrapher
2- Accountant	2-Chauffeur	2-Hospital Experience	2-Public Entertainer	2-Telephone Lineman
3- Amateur Radio	3-Civil Engineer	3-Machinist	3-Radio Engineer	3-Telephone Operator
4- Ambulance Driver	4-Clerical	4-Military Experience X	4-Railway Maintenance	4-Teletype Operator
5- Athletic Instructor	5-Computer	5-Mechanical Engineer	5-Digging	5-Tractor Driver
	6-Cook	6-Motorcycle Driver	6-Sanitary Technician	6-Truck Driver
7- Aviation Mechanic	7-Demolition Work	7-Nurse	7-Sheet Metal Worker	7-Veterinary
8- Baker	8-Electrician	8-Personnel Work	8-Social Service	8-Welder
9- Boatman	9-Engineer	9-Photographer	9-Stonemason	9- Artist painter
10- Boatswain	10-Electrician	10-Photographer	10-Stenographer	10-
11- Bricklayer	11-Explosives	11-Plumber	11-Structural Steel Work	11-
12- Bus Driver	12-Fire-fighting	12-Police Work	12-Teacher X	12-

15. Will you [illegible] to 10 other conditions, if requested? yes
16. You understand [illegible] in volunteering for certain Civil Defense [illegible] may be call[illegible] for training outside of your normal working [illegible]
17. My normal working hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Signature Victor Arnautoff

Master
In service
Area
Other

Comment

Approved
Disapproved By 100-6358-12(2)

APPLICANT

Name ARNAUTOFF VICTOR MIKHAIL
(Surname) (First) (Middle)
(Please type or print plainly)

Classification _____

Reference _____

Age 45 Date of birth Nov 11-1896 Complexion _____

Height _____ Weight _____ Hair _____ Eyes _____ Build _____

RIGHT HAND

1. Thumb	2. Index finger	3. Middle finger	4. Ring finger	5. Little finger

LEFT HAND

6. Thumb	7. Index finger	8. Middle finger	9. Ring finger	10. Little finger

Impressions taken by: Frank J. Allen
(Signature of official taking prints)

Note amputations

Date impressions taken Dec 13 1943

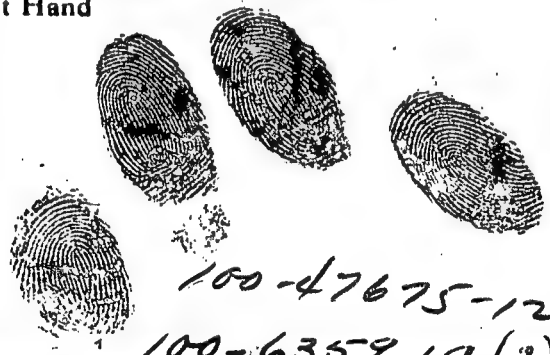
Four fingers taken simultaneously

Left Hand

Left thumb | Right thumb

Four fingers taken simultaneously

Right Hand



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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, with aliases: Victor Mikhail Arnautoff, Victor Arnaootov, Victor Michail Arnautoff	INTERNAL SECURITY - C (Refer 5 I.S.)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF continues to reside with his wife at 547 37th Avenue, San Francisco, and maintains a business address at 730 Montgomery Street, San Francisco. He attends closed meetings of the CPA and is reported by reliable informants to be a member thereof. He is also active as president of the RUSSIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY, a Board member of the AMERICAN-RUSSIAN INSTITUTE, and prominent in the affairs of Russian War Relief and the ALL-SLAVIC ALLIANCE. He is a periodic contact of various prominent Communists as well as Soviet Consular officials. His wife, LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, is employed as a Secretary in the Technical Section of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-47675.
San Francisco letter to the Bureau dated July 6, 1944.
Report of Special Agent BLANEY JONES BARTON dated April 14, 1944, at San Francisco.

DETAILS: This subject is regarded as a key figure in Communist activities in the San Francisco area.

ARNAUTOFF continues to reside with his wife at 547 37th Avenue, San Francisco, and he maintains his own art studio at 730 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, and also spends a portion of his time at the office of the RUSSIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY, 68 Post Street. His wife, LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, is employed as secretary in the Technical Section of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in San Francisco. She is known to be a member of the Communist Political Association and is active in numerous front groups.

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Agents of this office have observed subject and his wife entering closed meetings of the Communist Political Association on a number of occasions. Confidential Informant [redacted] can identify both as active members of the Communist Political Association at the present time.

Information made available by Source A demonstrates that ARNAUTOFF is well known to functionaries at Communist Party headquarters in San Francisco, and is regarded by them as one of their more influential members in the "educational and cultural fields".

Various informants close to VICTOR ARNAUTOFF have reported that in recent months he has been in contact with such prominent local Communists as ISAAC FOLKOFF, reported confidential financial director of the Party; GEORGE ANDERSEN, Communist Political Association attorney; JOHN PITTMAN, foreign editor of the "PEOPLES WORLD"; LEO BAROWAY; and OLETA O'CONNOR YATES, State functionaries of the Party. He is also acquainted with GEORGE ELTENTON, Party adherent prominent in FAECT affairs.

According to Confidential Informant [redacted], ARNAUTOFF continues active as president of the RUSSIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY, 68 Post Street. Meetings of this organization are held on the second and fourth Friday each month, with an average attendance of 35 to 40 persons. A total membership is approximately three times that figure, and, through lectures and social events sponsored by the organization, it wields influence considerably in excess of its membership as a propaganda instrument. Detailed information concerning the RUSSIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY has been reported in a file captioned with its name.

Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] and Source B have all reported contacts between ARNAUTOFF and officials of the Soviet Consulate, indicating their continuous interest in the affairs of the RUSSIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY and the policies pursued by it. The Society was host at a farewell party for JACOB LOMAKIN, former Soviet Consul in San Francisco, and has entertained his successor, VASSILIEV. KHEIFETS, former Vice Consul, KASPAROV, his successor, and DEMCHENKO, present Secretaryof the Consulate, have all been guests in the ARNAUTOFF home.

ARNAUTOFF's conception of the RUSSIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY as a purveyor of propaganda was illustrated by a discussion which occurred at the Society's meeting on March 20, 1944, the substance of which was reported by Confidential Informant [redacted]. A suggestion had been made that the Society's monthly publication be discontinued in view of the fact that subscriptions did not cover its cost. ARNAUTOFF expressed the opinion that as long as the bulletin served to disseminate Russian propaganda, the RUSSIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY would find money to print it and means to distribute it.

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ARNAUTOFF is also on the Board of Trustees of the AMERICAN-RUSSIAN INSTITUTE, along with LOUISE BRANSTEN, Dr. THOMAS ADDIS, and Professor HOLLAND ROBERTS. He is a committee chairman of Russian War Relief and active in the ALL-SLAVIC ALLIANCE. LOUISE BRANSTEN, who is a member of the Communist Political Association and extremely active in that and numerous front groups and is known to have transmitted the policy suggestions of the Soviet Consul to the leaders of several of those groups, has confessed to Source B that she thinks VICTOR ARNAUTOFF is "simply wonderful" and of great importance to their work. This same source also advised that on February 24, 1944, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and GORDON HUFF, representing the RUSSIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY, met at the home of LOUISE BRANSTEN with THOMAS L. HARRIS, HERB RESNER, and LOUISE BURMAN, representing the COUNCIL OF SOVIET AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP. LOUISE BRANSTEN and ROSE ISAAK were present, representing the AMERICAN-RUSSIAN INSTITUTE for the purpose of settling the spheres of activity of the various Russian organizations in the San Francisco Bay area. BRANSTEN had wanted OLETA O'CONNOR YATES as a Representative of the Communist Party headquarters, but she was unable to attend.

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U N D E V E L O P E D L E A D

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will maintain contact with Confidential Informants and sources of information, and will report from time to time the current Communist activities of the subject.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Source A Confidential Informant [redacted].

Source B Confidential Informant [redacted].

The above informants have been designated by temporary symbols in order to further protect their identities.

Agents of this office have observed subject and his wife entering and leaving meetings of the North Side Club, Professional Section, Communist Political Association, and Confidential Informant [redacted] has identified both as members of this Club.

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SAN FRANCISCO	8/17/45	8/1-3/45	DONALD W. KUNO ER

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
① VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject still resides with his wife at 547 - 34th Avenue, San Francisco. He is a successful artist, maintains his office at 730 Montgomery Street, and is a part-time art instructor at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. He regularly attends meetings of North Side Professional Club, CPA, and keeps in periodic contact with USSR Consular officials. He remains President and active leader of the Russian-American Society as well as a board member of the American-Russian Institute.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-47675.
Report of Special Agent JOHN FREDERICK PRESTON, dated 2/7/45 at San Francisco.

DETAILS: Subject is considered a key figure in Communist activities in the San Francisco Area.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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According to [redacted], Mr. and Mrs. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, 547 - 38th Avenue, listed their home with Communist Political Association headquarters, San Francisco, as a place for students, on January 5, 1945. He maintains his office at 730 Montgomery Street, and was a contributing artist to the Spanish Refugee Appeal Art Auction held on Friday, June 1, 1945, at the Dorian Art Gallery, 665 Post Street. He exhibited his paintings at the San Francisco Museum of Art, Van Ness and McAllister Street, on July 25, 1945. He had an appointment with OLETA O'CONNOR YATES, CPA functionary, at 4:00 P.M., on May 6, 1945.

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The People's Daily World, Communist-controlled newspaper, gave considerable space publicizing that ARNAUTOFF's paintings were being exhibited at the San Francisco Museum of Art from February 23 through March 18, 1945. In this article he is described as a former teacher at the California School of Fine Arts and a present assistant professor of art, instructing classes in life drawing, painting and mediums and techniques at Stanford University, Palo Alto.

Source A made available on March 1, 1945, a card which reflected the following information: Name - V.A.; Club - N.S.; sex - man; race - white; card number - 40190. This card is believed to refer to subject's Communist Political Association membership card in the North Side Club. Source [redacted] reports that subject attended meetings of the North Side Club of the CPA on the following dates: January 18, 1945; February 15, 1945; March 1, 1945; March 27, 1945; June 12, 1945; June 19, 1945. At the meeting held on February 15, 1945, at 149 Jordan Street, he made a statement to the effect that he was not willing to go into an open CPA group because of his work with citizenship classes. He further stated that he was not referring to his classes at Stanford University in this regard. He gave the educational talk on India at the North Side Club meeting held at LOUISE BRANSTEN's home, 2626 Green Street, on March 1, 1945.

The bulletin for the California Labor School, Communist-dominated school, lists subject as one of several teachers at the California Labor School for the spring term of 1945, in a course entitled, "The Soviet Union in World Affairs."

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Special Agents PAUL C. FULLER and WALTER W. HORN observed ARNAUTOFF enter the Russian Consulate on February 3, 1945, March 10, 1945, and March 29, 1945.

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It was determined by [redacted] that subject attended all regular meetings of the Russian-American Society held every other Friday from January 1, 1945, through July 20, 1945. The average number in attendance at these meetings was between 30 and 40 people. He was re-elected President of the Society on February 2, 1945. This club had been made "SHEF" (sponsor) of a children's home in Smolensk province. There are reportedly 200 children in the home who need clothing, books, and stationery. There were about 700 people, mostly Russians, present at a special Red Army Day-Washington's Birthday meeting held under the sponsorship of the Russian-American Society on February 22, 1945. ARNAUTOFF opened the meeting and turned it over to SIDNEY ROGER, leftist radio news commentator, who introduced Rear Admiral RAMISHVILLY of the Russian Government Purchasing Commission. The speech was in Russian. DEMCHENKO said a few words in English, drawing a parallel between the Red Army at Stalingrad and Washington's army at Valley Forge. The speaker's rostrum was decorated with the Hammer and Sickle, under which appeared "1918-1945 - 27th Anniversary Red Army USSR." ROOSEVELT's picture was on the left of the platform and STALIN's on the right. There was a picture of GEORGE WASHINGTON above the platform.

At the regular meeting of the R.A.S. held on May 11, 1945, ARNAUTOFF made the statement that the Russian-American Society would continue although the war was ended for the Soviet because only German and Italian Fascism were defeated and "Fascism in the United States, as exemplified by W. R. HEARST, was very much alive."

[redacted] states that subject attended a reception held by the American-Russian Institute on May 7, 1945, at the Green Room of the St. Francis Hotel in honor of V. M. MOLOTOV, Soviet Foreign Minister and Delegate to UNCIO. ARNAUTOFF is a member of the Board of the American-Russian Institute and was one of the sponsors of meetings on "Soviet Union in the World Today" held Monday nights starting April 9, 1945. Source B reports that ARNAUTOFF is on the membership committee and is interested in the distribution of publications for the ARI as well as being on the board of directors.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION:

At San Francisco Field Division: Will maintain contact with confidential informants and sources of information and will report from time to time the current communist activities of the subject.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

SOURCE A - A highly confidential and reliable source close to Communist Political Association Headquarters, San Francisco, known to Special Agents F. R. WARNER, H. H. VELDE, R. E. STEPHENS, and W. O. STALCUP.

SOURCE B - A highly confidential and reliable source close to American-Russian Institute Headquarters, San Francisco, known to Special Agents WILLIAM O. STALCUP, FRANK R. WARNER, HAROLD H. VELDE, and RICHARD E. STEPHENS.

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Director, FBI

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You are requested to submit an investigative report reflecting subject's current activities in the Communist Party movement. When this is accomplished, consideration should be given to the preparation of a report in summary form setting forth, by witnesses, only such information of a legally admissible character which will tend to prove, directly or circumstantially, subject's membership or affiliation with the Communist Party, and knowledge of the revolutionary aims and purposes of that organization.

All information should be attributed to original sources and not to previously submitted investigative reports. Confidential informants or sources should be appropriately protected by symbol.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ARNAUTOFF as president and chairman of Russian-American Society is very active in formulating policies and activities of that organization which are consistently pro-Russian. As president and leader of RAS, he is in frequent contact with members of the Soviet Consulate of San Francisco. Informants report he has been active in trying to start publication of Russian language Communist newspaper in San Francisco. ARNAUTOFF continues his activities in the Communist Party, regularly attending meetings of the Professional Section where he is serving as educational director. Has been a member of the CP since 1938. In addition to his affiliation with the RAS, he is also a member of the board of the American-Russian Institute and Russian War Relief. He is still employed as Assistant Professor of Graphic Arts at Stanford University and maintains an art studio at 730 Montgomery Street, San Francisco. In an anonymous letter he is described as very pro-Soviet and an apostle of Communism.

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DETAILS:

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ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH RUSSIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY

CONF. INFT. [redacted] advised that ARNAUTOFF was in attendance and active as chairman at meetings of the Russian-American Society held on the following dates: 9/14/45, 9/21/45, 10/12/45, 11/23/45, and 12/7/45. At this last meeting, ARNAUTOFF led the discussion as to Christmas donations to Russian children in the Kardimovsky Children's Home. ARNAUTOFF also announced he was to serve as a member of the Educational Program Committee for 1946. The schedule of this Committee called for a series of lectures acquainting the people of San Francisco with the USSR. This source also reported that at a visit at the home of GEORGE WILLIAMS (SERGEI VASSILIEVICH AFANASIEFF), 1855 Golden Gate Avenue, WILLIAMS said that soon a Russian language Communist newspaper would appear in San Francisco. WILLIAMS stated that he, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, and one GEORGE BRATOFF, all members of the Russian-American Society, were to take an active part in trying to organize and publish this newspaper.

[redacted] reported that ARNAUTOFF was also present at the meeting on January 4, 1946, and on January 18, 1946, at which time ARNAUTOFF was nominated for the office of President of the Russian-American Society. At the meeting held on February 1, 1946, ARNAUTOFF was elected to the office of President of the RAS for 1946.

At the meeting on February 8, 1946, ARNAUTOFF announced that the RAS had sent presents to the Kardimovsky Children's Home one year ago but that no reply had been received. It was decided by the membership to send a delegation to the Russian Consulate and confer with the Consul General as to the advisability of sending a telegram to find out what had happened to the presents.

ARNAUTOFF was present at further meetings on 2/22/46 and 3/1/46. On 3/3/46 ARNAUTOFF and his wife gave a party for members of the Executive Committee of the RAS, which party was attended by MIKHAIL VAVILOV, Soviet Consul General and VICTOR AFANASIEV, Vice Consul. During this reception the Soviet Consul proposed a toast to Russian-American friendship and stated that in the USSR they appreciate the efforts of the RAS toward creating understanding between the two peoples. ARNAUTOFF in replying to this toast, pledged that notwithstanding all Fascist opposition, the RAS would move toward creating good will between the people of the United States and the USSR.

On 3/8/46 ARNAUTOFF attended an Executive Board meeting of the RAS and on 3/15/46 at a regular meeting of this Society, ARNAUTOFF read a letter from the American-Soviet Unity Society asking the support of the RAS in organizing an anti-Churchill movement. A general discussion followed the reading of this letter and a general denouncement of CHURCHILL for his war-mongering and inciting of Soviet hatred. A decision was reached to send representatives to contact other organizations and solicit their support in organizing anti-Churchill meetings and radio programs. It was also decided that the RAS would allot $500.00 for this propaganda.

On 3/22/46 ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the RAS and at the regular meeting held on 3/29/46, ARNAUTOFF introduced VIOLET ORR, a Communist Party functionary, who urged members of the RAS to get new subscriptions to the People's World.

At the regular meeting held on 4/12/46, ARNAUTOFF announced that on 4/24/46 there will be a presentation of gifts to Soviet painters from the RAS. These gifts were to be presented to some member of the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco.

At the regular meeting held on 4/26/46 ARNAUTOFF on behalf of the RAS presented a number of books on the American History of Arts to AFANASIEV, Soviet Vice Consul, to be forwarded to a Moscow library. ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the RAS on 5/3/46. On 5/15/46 a reception for Russian-American organizations was given at the Soviet Consulate by MIKHAIL VAVILOV, Soviet Consul General, and his wife. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and his wife attended this reception as representatives of the RAS.

ARNAUTOFF attended a regular meeting of the RAS on 5/17/46 and on 5/31/46. At this latter meeting a discussion again arose as to why the RAS had heard nothing regarding the items sent to the Kardimovsky Children's Home. During the course of this discussion ARNAUTOFF announced that it was time to forget sending help to children in Russia and concentrate on information about the Soviet Union and on cultural work. ARNAUTOFF stated that American capitalists are ready to start another war against the Soviet Union and the job now is to tell the American people all the truth about the peaceful Soviet Union and the warlike American capitalists. ARNAUTOFF hinted that it was the desire of the Soviet Consulate that the RAS leave Soviet children alone and start more active propaganda against the war

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ARNAUTOFF attended regular meetings of the RAS on 6/7/46, 6/28/46, 7/5/46, and 7/12/46, and meetings of the Executive Committee on 6/14/46 and 7/19/46. He was in attendance at the regular meeting on 7/26/46 at which time a committee appointed to buy a home for the RAS advised against buying a proposed site on Fulton Street and recommended caution in buying any particular home. A faction led by ARNAUTOFF insisted that they buy a home right away and pointed out that as soon as they acquired a home they would be able to bring other Russian societies into their fold and thus increase their propaganda for the Soviets.

ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the Executive Committee on 8/2/46 and at the regular meeting held on 8/9/46 he announced that he was elected by the All-Slav Council of San Francisco to be a delegate to the All-American Slavic Convention to be held in New York during August, 1946. The Society voted ARNAUTOFF $350.00 to pay the expenses of this trip.

ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at a meeting of the Executive Committee on 8/16/46 and a regular meeting of the RAS on 8/30/46.

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[redacted] advised on 1/14/46 that DOLLY ELTENTON in conversation with HOLLAND ROBERTS, both of the American-Russian Institute, advised

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ROBERTS that as far as artists are concerned, nothing is to be done until ARNAUTOFF talked to the artists to see if they were willing to make the collection sent to Russia in 1944 as a gift.

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On 5/14/46 VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and his wife were observed by Special Agent DONALD W. KUNO to enter the Soviet Consulate at 6:15 P.M. Several other autos were in the vicinity and a reception or farewell for SIMONOV was believed to be in progress.

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ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

CONF. INFT. [redacted] advised that ARNAUTOFF has been in regular attendance at meetings of the North Side Professional Club of the Communist Party. He attended the meeting held on 9/13/45 at 2961 Clay Street. The meetings for 9/25/45 and 10/23/45 were held at 164 Jordan Avenue. At the meeting on 10/23/45 ARNAUTOFF was elected as a member of the Literature Committee of the Professional Club. The meeting of 11/20/45 was held at 164 Jordan Avenue and at this meeting ARNAUTOFF gave a report on the Russian community in San Francisco. He stated that the Russians are mainly not Communists but that there is a large group who are either anti-Soviet or are indifferent to the Soviet Union. He said the pro-Soviet groups are not active while the anti-Soviet group is exceedingly active and vocal. He told of a recent visit

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by a prelate of the Orthodox Church who sought to unify the three Russian chruches here unsuccessfully. Two churches refused because "they want no political dictation or influence," but he charged that these same churches were using their influence in politics for anti-Soviet purposes. He charged they should follow their own dictum that the church stay out of politics. He also charged that there is a Christian Youth Movement among the Russian colony which is said to be subsidized by HEARST.

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[redacted] advised that ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at a meeting held at 2961 Clay Street on 1/3/46 and at a meeting held at 164 Jordan Avenue on 1/18/46. This meeting was of the Miscellaneous Workers Club, the then designation for the North Side Professional Club.

ARNAUTOFF was also in attendance at a meeting of the Miscellaneous Workers Club held at 507 Mississippi Street on 2/14/46. During this meeting an educational on the present role of the Communist Party was delivered by JOHN HOROWITZ, KEN DECKER, and one MARJORIE, last name unknown to the informant. The immediate short-ranged goal was stated to be passage of the FEPC bill and the influencing of individuals and organizations on political action by infiltration into the membership of every kind of organization. In discussing various candidates the statement was made, "We are gradually to teach that candidates are unimportant; principle is all and the ultimate goal is the Socialist state. We have now a golden opportunity to inform masses of people now on strike and in a disgruntled mood. Any reforms under capitalism are merely remedial, but the underlying forces of economic maladjustment will necessarily remain as long as the system remains."

ARNAUTOFF was also in attendance at a meeting of the Miscellaneous and Professional Workers Branch held at 164 Jordan Avenue on 2/28/46; 473 Jackson Street on 3/14/46; and 20 Romolo Place on 4/11/46. At this last meeting ARNAUTOFF was appointed as Educational and Literature Director of the Richmond Club, a subdivision of the Miscellaneous and Professional Workers Club.

ARNAUTOFF attended meetings of the Richmond Miscellaneous Workers Club held at 164 Jordan Avenue on 4/25/46; and 810 Pacheco held on 5/9 and 5/23/46. On 6/6/46 he attended a meeting of the New Era Club at 1100 Fulton Street. The informant advised that the New Era Club was the name given to the club formerly designated as the Richmond Miscellaneous Workers Club.

ARNAUTOFF attended an executive meeting of the New Era Club at 1375 - 31st Avenue on 6/27/46 and also attended a regular meeting of this club at the same address on 7/11/46. At this latter meeting ARNAUTOFF was

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chosen to act as temporary chairman of the club until the election of officers. The educational at this meeting was given by ALLEYNE POCKMAN on the subject, "From Pottsdam to Paris." During the course of the educational she stated, "Our role is to make the people aware of the true nature of capitalism and of its tendency at this point in U. S. history to become Fascism." Also discussed at this meeting were the security measures to be taken by the Communist Party and their fear of the activities of the FBI.

ARNAUTOFF attended other meetings of the New Era Club held at 267 Liberty Street on 7/25/46; at 164 Jordan Avenue on 8/1/46; and at 1375 - 31st Avenue on 8/15/46. At the last mentioned meeting ARNAUTOFF gave a report of the meeting held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, the highlights of which were the expulsion of 17 Party members.

At the meeting of the New Era Club held at 164 Jordan Avenue on 8/29/46, it was announced that ARNAUTOFF had held a brunch for the People's World, which was fairly successful. ARNAUTOFF also announced a split in the RAS, a break by the Pan-Slav group over his selection as a delegate to the convention to be held in New York.

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CONF. INFT. [redacted] reported that ARNAUTOFF had attended a meeting of the North Side Professional Club at 1325 Cabrillo Street on 12/6/45; and of the Miscellaneous Professional and Workers Club at 164 Jordan Avenue on 1/18/46 and at 20 Romolo Place on 4/11/46. This informant also advised that ARNAUTOFF attended meetings of the New Era Club held at 1375 - 31st Avenue on 7/18/46 and at 267 Liberty Street on 7/25/46. At the meeting held on 7/25/46 ARNAUTOFF gave six tickets to the Foster meeting to be held in August to each member to sell or return to him. This informant also advised that ARNAUTOFF attended meetings of the New Era Club held at 1375 - 31st Avenue on 8/8/46 and 8/15/46, and at 164 Jordan Avenue on 8/29/46.

[redacted] made available a photostatic copy of the membership of the North Side Club, which list included the name of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF. This source also made available a photostatic copy of a questionnaire made out in the handwriting of the subject. This questionnaire indicated that subject was employed as an artist at Stanford University where he is employed as Assistant Professor of Graphic Arts. In this questionnaire ARNAUTOFF indicated that he was President of the Russian-American Society, a member of the board of the Russian War Relief, and a member of the board of the American-Russian Institute. He indicated that he had been a member of the Communist Party since 1938, that he subscribed to the People's World and had never been in an open club. He also indicated that if a course in Marxism was developed, he intended to attend such a course.

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Under date of April 2, 1946, the San Francisco Field Division received the following anonymous communication concerning the subject:

"Federal Bureau of Investigation
111 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

"Gentlemen:

"With the spy activities of the Soviets at their height, my husband and I feel that your department should have under observation a certain White Russian in San Francisco who expressed definite Communist sympathies and theories to us. Our suspicions were aroused by the fact that a man, who presumably lost all and fled for his life from the Soviets during the Russian Revolution, should now be a "fellow-traveller", advocating the party line with vehemence, able to give a parrot-like recital of the Communist doctrine, even to accusing my husband of being a Fascist when he ran out of arguments.

"The man teaches at the Stanford University at Palo Alto. If anything of an experimental nature is being conducted there, he would be in a position to obtain information and convey it to the Soviet representatives here. Further, being a White Russian, he might be in a position to get information of value to the Soviets by pretending hatred of them when such conduct serves his purpose.

"My husband and I prefer to be anonymous for, beyond the statements here, we would have no additional information to give; and it would seem to be the duty of your Agency to determine if Mr. Arnautoff is doing anything prejudicial to the safety of this Country and our way of life.

"In January of this year we called on this man, VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF, an artist of some note and considerable ability, at the suggestion of a presumably reliable person for advice in connection with the disposal of some paintings which we have. We had never met Mr. Arnautoff nor heard of him, with the exception that he apparently paints some of the covers for TIME magazine and we had seen his name in this connection at an exhibit of the magazine covers at the deYoung Museum last year.

"Upon arrival at his studio, located in a building occupied by various architects at 730 MONTGOMERY STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, we found Mr. Arnautoff rather charming and very soon in the conversation my husband discovered that Mr. Arnautoff's two brothers had attended the same school with him in Prague, Czechoslovakia. It seems that Mr. Arnautoff's one brother died of tuberculosis whom my husband did not remember too well, but the other brother he did remember, particularly because he too had Communist leanings

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in those days when it was not popular to have such sympathies, particularly since they had all left Russia during the Revolution, most of them losing their parents and relatives as a result of the barbarism of the early Bolsheviks; they were living in an entirely White Russian community which had an antipathy toward Communism and the Soviets; and the boys were attending a school conducted under the auspices of White Russians and taught by former high-ranking officers of the Czarist Army.

"Mr. Arnautoff told us that this younger brother had been detained by the Nazis in a concentration camp for three years, was now free in Prague, and he was attempting to establish contact through other relatives in England, presumably London. When the conversation turned to the previous Soviet consul here, Mr. Arnautoff launched into lyrical praises of the Soviets, the Communist system and everything the Russians did as being perfect, while that which the British did as being thoroughly wicked. He was clever enough not to say anything directly against the United States and our system of government, but gave us to understand he considered the Soviet system far superior to anything on the earth anywhere and that he fully approved of it for the world. He went into great detail as to the magnificance of the Soviet Army and its ability and it was the Soviet army alone which won the war. The British and the United States were merely shadow-boxing while the Russians bore the brunt of the ordeal and by their brilliance defeated both the Germans and the Japanese. American lend-lease to Russia was negligible compared to the armaments taken by the Russians from the Germans and supposedly used by the Red army in their battles with the Germans.

"After extolling the Soviets and their Army, Mr. Arnautoff launched into an attack on the British, dragging that old dead cat of India out of the bag and going into the usual Communist line on that point. In addition, apparently through his London contacts (who, it would seem, took refuge in Britain from the Nazis) disclosed in a most shocked manner that in the last national British election one could even buy two votes if one had the money. Apparently there wasn't too much money to be spent on extra votes judging from the results of that election.

"He further impressed upon us the magnificance and justice of the Soviet constitution, which it seems he has studied thoroughly. It is the most perfect document in the world. He did not say it was better than the constitution of the United States, but since it was the best thing so far achieved by man, he presumably feels the Soviets have it over us. Russian medicine, education and the students are outstanding, far superior to any in the whole wide world. Mr. Arnautoff paints during the winter quarter in his studio and teaches the balance of the year at Stanford University in Palo Alto (in the Art Department). He assured us that he met Soviet students at Stanford who were far more brilliant than United States students. He seemed to overlook the obvious fact that a nation sends its brightest students abroad, not the mediocre or dull ones.

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"Though Communism in American universities seems to be the rule rather than the exception, no doubt Mr. Arnautoff doesn't miss an opportunity to propagate his leanings in the presence of his pupils.

"Before he realized that we were not fellow-travellers, he invited us to a lecture on Russian medicine that week to be given at the Sokol Hall (which seems a hotbed for Communist activities) under the auspices of the American-Russian Friendship League, of which he apparently is chairman.

"Mr. Arnautoff has three sons in the United States Military Service: one having returned from Europe in January 1946; another apparently in the air force; and he did not discuss the third son. Are his sons of the opinion of their father? And are they in positions of trust in the American service? And should they be?

"Even if Mr. Arnautoff is only being a stupid stooge of the Communists, it seems that Communism is a luxury to be indulged in by the American born, if at all, as in the case of Browder; and that if Mr. Arnautoff is following their line, his citizenship should be revoked and he returned to the land of paradise for a dose of its blessings. He took an oath to support the Czarist Government and Army proved a traitor to this obligation, as evidenced by the fact that he is here, safe and sound; and he also took an oath, if he became a citizen of the United States, to defend our way of life. Apparently it is in his nature to be a traitor, and such persons certainly need watching.

"You can be sure that we gave the honourable Mr. Arnautoff and his theories a shellacing he won't soon forget, but he is so much under the spell of Communism that no amount of logic, reason or proof could budge him from his viewpoint.

"We noticed in the local Russian paper that a Mrs. Arnautoff was chairman for a benefit for the Soviets last Saturday, March 30, at the Scottish Rite Auditorium. No doubt this would be Mr. Arnautoff's wife.

"The foregoing statements are the absolute truth. We do not accuse Mr. Arnautoff of being a spy. We simply say he supports the Communist theory and is much too loyal to Soviet Russia while residing here, and especially so if a citizen of the United States."

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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York City

Through confidential sources and informants will report any information as received concerning the activities and contacts of subject VICTOR ARNAUTOFF during the time he attended the All-American Slavic Convention in New York during August, 1946.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At San Francisco, California

Will follow and report subject's contacts and activities as reported by confidential sources and informants.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Confidential informants and other sources of information have furnished no information regarding subject.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 100-47675.
Report of Special Agent Fred R. Elledge, San Francisco, 10/2/46.

DETAILS: Confidential informants and other sources of information within the New York Field Division have furnished no information regarding the subject. It will be noted that the AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, held its third American Slav Congress on September 20, 21 and 22, 1946. There is no indication that this organization held any of the American Slav Convention or any other type of convention in New York during August, 1946. However, the Connecticut Branch of the AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS held a Connecticut Convention during August, 1946. No information has been received by this office, however, indicating that the subject attended the Connecticut convention.

The indices of the New York Field Division failed to reflect any further information regarding the subject.

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was, Victor Mikhail Arnautoff, Victor Arnaootov, & Victor Michail Arnautoff	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SUMMARY REPORT

ARNAUTOFF was born November 11, 1896, at Marinpol, Russia; married LYDIA, born Vladavostok, Russia, February 2, 1903, at Mukden, China; three children were born of this union. MICHAEL born June 8, 1924, in China; BASIL born October 9, 1925, and JACOB born September 11, 1930, Mexico. ARNAUTOFF served as a cavalry officer in 1915 during World War I and from 1922 to 1925 he served in the Manchurian Cavalry. He entered the United States at Nogales, Arizona, on May 23, 1931. ARNAUTOFF was issued certificate of naturalization #4331663 in the United States District Court at San Francisco, California, on August 2, 1939. He completed eight years grammar school, four years high school, three years trade school and two years of college. He attended the San Francisco School of Fine Arts in 1925. ARNAUTOFF is assistant professor of graphic arts at Stanford University and in addition, he operates his own art studio at 730 Montgomery Street, San Francisco. He serves as president of the Russian American Society and is a member of the Board of the American-Russian Institute and the Russian War Relief.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] can testify that on September 23, 1940, ARNAUTOFF was a speaker at a luncheon given by the Inter-Professional Association (an alleged Communist-front) under the direction of HELEN PELL, a known Communist. This witness can also testify that on September 30, 1940, ARNAUTOFF donated a water color for a drawing for the benefit of the "People's World" and in 1943, ARNAUTOFF served as Vice President of the All Slavic Committee, 68 Post Street, Room 226, San Francisco, California.

Confidential Informant [redacted] can testify that ARNAUTOFF attended meetings of the Northside Professional Club at 1325 Cabrillo Street on December 6, 1945, and of the Miscellaneous Professional and Workers Club at 164 Jordan Avenue on January 18, 1946, and at 20 Romolo Place on April 11, 1946. This witness can also testify that ARNAUTOFF attended meetings of the New Era Club held at 1375 31st Avenue on July 18, 1946, and at 267 Liberty Street, on July 25, 1946. At the meeting held on July 25,

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1946, ARNAUTOFF gave six tickets to the Foster meeting to be held in August to each member to sell or return to him. This witness can also testify that ARNAUTOFF attended meetings of the New Era Club held at 1375 31st Avenue on August 8, 1946, and August 15, 1946, and at 164 Jordan Avenue on August 29, 1946. Witness can also identify and intoduce a photostatic copy of the membership list of the Northside Club, which list includes the name of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF. This witness can also identify and introduce a photostatic copy of a questionnaire made out in the handwriting of ARNAUTOFF. This questionnaire will show that ARNAUTOFF is employed as assistant professor of graphic arts at Stanford University, that he was president of the Russian-American Society, a member of the Board of the Russian War Relief and a member of the Board of the American-Russian Institute. This questionnaire will also show that ARNAUTOFF in his own handwriting indicated that he has been a member of the CP since 1938, that he is a subscriber to the "People's World" and that he indicated that he had never been in an open club. In this questionnaire ARNAUTOFF also indicated that if a course in Marxism was developed he intended to attend such a course.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] can testify that on October 18, 1943, ARNAUTOFF presided at a meeting of the Russian-American Society at 422 Sutter Street. At this meeting ARNAUTOFF reported on preparations being made for the celebration of the 26th anniversary of the Soviet Union on November 7, 1943.

This witness can also testify to the attendance of ARNAUTOFF at meetings of the Russian-American Society on the dates as set forth below. In December 1943, ARNAUTOFF presided at a meeting of the RAS and as of January 1944, he was elected president of this group. During January or February 1944, ARNAUTOFF gave a talk on the life and work of LENIN at a meeting of the RAS. He also announced that the RAS and the American Soviet Friendship were jointly sponsoring a celebration of the 26th anniversary of the founding of the Red Army and Washington's birthday in February 1944.

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[redacted] RAMISHIVILLI appeared at the meeting held on February 22, 1945. This witness can testify that ARNAUTOFF attended every meeting of the RAS held every other Friday from January 1, 1945, through July 20, 1945, and that he was re-elected president of the RAS on February 22, 1945.

At the meeting held on May 11, 1945, ARNAUTOFF made the statement that the RAS would continue although the war was ended for the Soviet because only German and Italian fascism were defeated and fascism in the United States as exemplified by WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST was very much alive.

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This witness can also testify that ARNAUTOFF was in attendance and acted as chairman at meetings of the RAS held on the following dates: September 14 and 21, 1945, October 12, 1945, November 23, 1945, and December 7, 1945. At the last above-named meeting ARNAUTOFF led the discussion as to Christmas donations to Russian children in the Kardimovsky Children's Home. He also announced he was to serve as a member of the Educational Program Committee for 1946. The schedule of this committee called for a series of lectures acquainting the people of San Francisco with the USSR.

This witness can also testify that he visited at the home of GEORGE WILLIAMS (SERGEI VASSILIEVICH AFANASIEFF), 1855 Golden Gate Avenue, at which time WILLIAMS stated that a Russian language Communist newspaper would soon appear in San Francisco. WILLIAMS also said that he, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and GEORGE BRATOFF, all members of the RAS, were to take an active part in trying to organize and publish this paper.

This witness can testify that ARNAUTOFF was present at a meeting of the RAS on January 4, 1946, and January 18, 1946. At the meeting on January 18, 1946, ARNAUTOFF was renominated for the office of president and at the meeting held on February 1, 1946, ARNAUTOFF was elected president of the RAS for 1946. At the meeting on February 8, 1945, ARNAUTOFF announced that the RAS had sent presents to the Kardimovsky Children's Home one year ago but that no reply had been received. It was decided by the membership to send a delegation to the Russian Consulate to confer with the Consul General as to the advisability of sending a telegram to find out what had happened to the presents.

This witness can testify that ARNAUTOFF was present at further meetings of the RAS on February 22, 1946, and March 1, 1946. On March 3, 1946, ARNAUTOFF and his wife gave a party for members of the executive committee of the RAS, which party was attended by MIKHAIL VAVILOV, Soviet Consul General and VICTOR AFANASIEV, Vice Consul. During this reception, the Soviet Consul General proposed a toast to Russian-American friendship and stated that in the USSR they appreciate the efforts of the RAS toward creating understanding between the two peoples. ARNAUTOFF in replying to this toast, pledged that notwithstanding the fascist opposition the RAS would move toward creating good will between the people of the United States and the USSR.

On March 8, 1946, ARNAUTOFF attended an Executive Board meeting of the RAS and on March 15, 1946, at a regular meeting of this Society, ARNAUTOFF read a letter from the American-Soviet Unity Society asking the support of the RAS in organizing an anti-Churchill movement. A general discussion followed the reading of this letter and a general denouncement of CHURCHILL for his warmongering and inciting of Soviet hatred. A decision was reached to send representatives to contact other organizations and solicit their support in organizing anti-Churchill meetings and radio programs. It was also decided that the RAS would allot $500 for this propaganda.

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On March 22, 1946, ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the RAS and at the regular meeting held on March 29, 1946, ARNAUTOFF introduced VIOLET ORR, A Communist Party functionary, who urged members of the RAS to get new subscriptions to the "People's World".

At the regular meeting held on April 12, 1946, ARNAUTOFF announced that on April 24, 1946, there will be a presentation of gifts to Soviet painters from the RAS. These gifts were to be presented to some member of the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco.

At the regular meeting held on April 26, 1946, ARNAUTOFF, on behalf of the RAS, presented a number of books on the American History of Arts to AFANASIEV, Soviet Vice Consul, to be forwarded to a Moscow library. ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the RAS on May 3, 1946. On May 15, 1946, a reception for Russian-American organizations was given at the Soviet Consulate by MIKHAIL VAVILOV, Soviet Consul General and his wife. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and his wife attended this reception as representatives of the RAS.

ARNAUTOFF attended a regular meeting of the RAS on May 17, 1946, and on May 31, 1946. At this latter meeting a discussion again arose as to why the RAS had heard nothing regarding the items sent to the Kardimovsky Children's Home. During the course of this discussion ARNAUTOFF announced that it was time to forget sending help to children in Russia and concentrate on information about the Soviet Union and on cultural work. ARNAUTOFF stated that American capitalists are ready to start another war against the Soviet Union and the job now is to tell the American people all the truth about the peaceful Soviet Union and the warlike American capitalists. ARNAUTOFF hinted that it was the desire of the Soviet Consulate that the RAS leave Soviet children alone and start more active propaganda against the war.

ARNAUTOFF attended regular meetings of the RAS on June 7 and 28, 1946, July 5 and 12, 1946, and meetings of the Executive Committee on June 14, 1946, and July 19, 1946. He was in attendance at the regular meeting on July 26, 1946, at which time a committee appointed to buy a home for the RAS advised against buying a proposed site on Fulton Street and recommended caution in buying any particular home. A faction led by ARNAUTOFF insisted that they buy a home right away and pointed out that as soon as they acquired a home they would be able to bring other Russian societies into their fold and thus increase their propaganda for the Soviets.

ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the Executive Committee on August 2, 1946, and at the regular meeting held on August 9, 1946, he announced that he was elected by the All-Slav Council of San Francisco to be a delegate to the All-American Slavic Convention to be held in New York during August 1946. The Society voted ARNAUTOFF $350 to pay the expenses of this trip.

ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at a meeting of the Executive Committee on August 16, 1946 and a regular meeting of the RAS on August 30, 1946.

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Special Agent DAVIS WATSON CABLE can testify that on January 14, 1944, he in company with Special Agent EDWARD DORNLAS, JR. of the San Francisco Office observed ARNAUTOFF entering the house situated at 2637 Lyon Street at a time when a Professional Section of the CP was meeting.

Special Agent HOUSTON LeROSS BROWNE can testify that on December 16, 1943, he in company with Special Agent W. J. HURLEY saw the occupants of a car registered to VICTOR ARNAUTOFF in 1830 Gough Street where a meeting of the Professional Section of the CP was being held.

Special Agent PAUL C. FULLER can testify that he and Special Agent WALTER W. HORN observed VICTOR ARNAUTOFF visit the Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, California, on February 3, 1945, February 10, 1945, and March 29, 1945.

Special Agent BURKE MITCHELL can testify that on May 10, 1946, he observed the automobile registered to VICTOR ARNAUTOFF parked in the vicinity of Falileo High School at a time when a reception was in progress for KONSTANTIN SEMONOV, Russian writer, was in progress.

Special Agent DONALD W. KUNO can testify that on May 14, 1946, he observed VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and his wife entering the Soviet Consulate at a time when a reception or farewell for KONSTANTIN SEMONOV was in progress.

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[redacted] can testify that ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at a meeting of the Northside Professional Club on the following dates: January 18, February 15, March 1 and 27, June 12 and 19, September 13 and 25, October 23, and November 20, all 1945. At the meeting held on February 15, 1945, ARNAUTOFF stated that he was not willing to go into an "open" group because of his work with citizenship classes. At the meeting held on March 1, 1945, at 2626 Green Street, San Francisco, ARNAUTOFF gave the educational on the topic of India. At the meeting held on October 23, 1945, ARNAUTOFF was elected a member of a literature committee of the Professional Club. At the meeting held on November 20, 1945, at 164 Jordan Avenue, ARNAUTOFF gave a report on the Russian community in San Francisco. He stated that the Russians are mainly not Communist but that there is a large group who are either anti-Soviet or are indifferent to the Soviet Union. He said the pro-Soviet groups are not active while the anti-Soviet group is exceedingly active and vocal. He told of a recent visit by a prelate of the orthodox church who sought to unify the three Russian churches here unsuccessfully. Two churches refused because "they want no political dictation or influence" but ARNAUTOFF charged that these same churches were using their influence in politics for anti-Soviet purposes. He stated that they should follow their own dictum that the church stay out of politics.

This witness can also testify that ARNAUTOFF was in attendance and participated in CP meetings during the year of 1946 as follows: At 2961 Clay Street on January 3, 1946; 164 Jordan Avenue on January 18, 1946; 507 Mission Street on February 14, 1946. During the meeting held on February 14, 1946, an

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educational on the present role of the CP was delivered by JOHN HOROWITZ, KEN DECKER and one MARJORIE. The immediate short-ranged goal was stated to be the passage of the FEPC bill and the influencing of individuals and organizations on political action by infiltration into the membership of every kind of organization. In discussing various candidates the statement was made: "We are gradually to teach that candidates are unimportant. Principle is all and the ultimate goal is the Socialist state. We have now a golden opportunity to inform masses of people now on strike and in a disgruntled mood. Any reforms under capitalism are merely remedial but the underlying forces of economic maladjustment will necessarily remain as long as the system remains.

ARNAUTOFF was also in attendance at a meeting of the Miscellaneous and Professional Workers Branch held at 164 Jordan Avenue on February 28, 1946; 473 Jackson Street on March 14, 1946; and 20 Romolo Place on April 11, 1946. At this last meeting ARNAUTOFF was appointed as Educational and Literature Director of the Richmond Club, a subdivision of the Miscellaneous and Professional Workers Club.

ARNAUTOFF attended meetings of the Richmond Miscellaneous Workers Club held at 164 Jordan Avenue on April 25, 1946, and 810 Pacheco held on May 9 and 23, 1946. On June 6, 1946, he attended a meeting of the New Era Club at 1100 Fulton Street. The informant advised that the New Era Club was the name given to the club formerly designated as the Richmond Miscellaneous Workers Club.

ARNAUTOFF attended an executive meeting of the New Era Club at 1375 31st Avenue on June 27, 1946, and also attended a regular meeting of this club at the same address on July 11, 1946. At this latter meeting ARNAUTOFF was chosen to act as temporary chairman of the club until the election of officers. The educational at this meeting was given by ALLEYNE POCKMAN on the subject, "From Pottsdam to Paris." During the course of the educational she stated, "Our role is to make the people aware of the true nature of capitalism and of its tendency at this point in United States history to become Fascism." Also discussed at this meeting were the security measures to be taken by the Communist Party and their fear of the activities of the FBI.

ARNAUTOFF attended other meetings of the New Era Club held at 267 Liberty Street on July 25, 1946; at 164 Jordan Avenue on August 1, 1946; and at 1375 31st Avenue on August 15, 1946. At the last mentioned meeting ARNAUTOFF gave a report of the meeting held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, the highlights of which were the expulsion of 17 Party members.

At the meeting of the New Era Club held at 164 Jordan Avenue on August 29, 1946, it was announced that ARNAUTOFF had held a brunch for the "People's World" which was fairly successful. ARNAUTOFF also announced a split for the RAS, a break by the Pan-Slav group over his selection as a delegate to the convention to be held in New York.

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Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] have, from time to time, made available to Special Agents of this office the following identified and described documents tending to prove membership in the Communist Party of the part of ARNAUTOFF. Special Agent RICHARD YOUNG BENNION can identify and introduce the following documents made available to him on the dates as specified below:

September 13, 1943, (identified as H-408). A typewritten sheet entitled, "guests at the conference." Included in a list of names under this caption is the name of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF. (The conference mentioned in the above caption is believed to be the San Francisco County Convention of the CP held on September 12, 1943.)

September 20, 1943. (identified as H-422-2). A handwritten listing of various names, including the name "VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, 547-37 Ave."

October 21, 1943, (identified as H-468-3). A handwritten paper as follows: "JOSEPH NORTH will lecture at the California Club, 1750 Clay Street, Friday evening, October 8, 1943. The sponsors are VICTOR ARNATOFF, GIACOMO PATRI, HERBERT RESNER, HAROLD SAWYER. FREDERICK THOMPSON will be the chairman for the 'evening with the New Masses'."

December 2, 1943, (identified as H-551-1). A letterhead of the San Francisco County election campaign committee, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco. This letterhead contains three handwritten columns of names under the headings "AFL", "CIO", and "Prof.". Under the heading "Prof." appears the name of "VICTOR ARNAUTOFF", together with BARNEY DREIFUS, GEORGE ANDERSON, MARION OWENS, FRANCIS FOSTER, DR. ADDIS, FRED THOMPSON, BERT EDISES, GAYLORD GOLDNER, and LOUISE BRANSTEN.

Special Agent J. J. CONROY can testify that on April 6, 1944, (identified as H 812-3) he was furnished a pamphlet of the San Francisco Consul of American Soviet Friendship announcing "experiments in the revival of organisms a San Francisco preview, Sunday evening, February 27, 1944, YWCA, 620 Sutter Street."

On the back of the pamphlet is listed a "partial list of sponsors." VICTOR ARNATOF'S name appears as the second name on this list.

Special Agent IRVING T. WEEKS can testify that on January 5, 1945, (identified as H 1016-10) he received a typewritten list entitled, "places for students" beneath which appeared the following: "Note: All these people expect calls by Thursday letting them know whether or not to expect students and if they are to expect them when they will arrive. On the second page of this list appears the following: "VIC ARNATOFF, 547 37th Avenue, phone BA 1346, room for one of either sex (professional people) (pretty far from town)".

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Special Agent ALBERT M. SPRADLING can identify and introduce the following exhibits: On April 19, 1945, (identified as H 1116-16) a sheet from a calendar desk pad for April 16, 1945, on which is written "VICTOR ARNATOFF, DO 3313, 730 Montgomery, 12:00--$25."

May 2, 1945, (identified as H 1125-6). A printed letterhead bearing address 701 Garfield Building, 942 Market Street, San Francisco 2, California, which letterhead contains handwriting as follows: "April 30, 1945. Dear Mr. ARNATOFF, I wish to thank you for you generosity.

"Since the lithograph which you so kindly let me have is the best of that subject, I feel that it is only proper that I send you the enclosed money order.

"Truly the work is of such a quality to be worth far more than the amount you originally mentioned.

"Please feel free to phone me EX 2996 whenever you would like to have me pose for you. I should consider it a pleasure. Thank you again. Cordially, RHODA TRESKIN."

June 6, 1945, (identified as H 1135-15). A 3x5 card with the following typed: "OLETA: ARNAUTOFF okay for four o'clock today--same place."

June 6, 1945, (identified as H 1135-16). A printed pamphlet announcing the Spanish refugee appeal art auction to be held Friday, June 1, 8:30 p.m. at the Dorian Art Gallery, 664 Post Street, for the benefit of the JAFRC, 68 Post Street, Suite 221. The name of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF is included in a list of contributing artists. He is also listed as chairman of the art auction committee.

Special Agent LEWIS H. JOHNSON can identify and introduce a calendar desk pad for January 31, 1946, (identified as H 1228-14) furnished to him on February 1, 1946. Opposite the notation 12:00 o'clock noon on this desk pad is written the name VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

Special Agent C. JAMES FLEMING can identify and introduce the following documents furnished to him on the dates as indicated below: On October 11, 1946, (identified as H 1304-6). A sheet of paper mimeographed as follows: 21 Laidley Street, San Francisco, California. "Dear Friend: You are cordially invited to attend a reception to hear Mr. A. B. MAGILL, executive editor of New Masses speech on 'Socialism and You'. This will be Mr. MAGILL'S only San Francisco appearance while he is on the West Coast.

"The reception is next Wednesday, October 16, 8:00 p.m. at 21 Laidley Street, near 30th. Take J car to end of line.

"We hope you will be able to come. Please feel free to bring any of

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"your friends who might be interested. Sincerely, Sponsoring Committee. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF." The name of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF is followed by ten other individuals who are listed as members of the Sponsoring Committee.

On October 18, 1946, a sheet of paper (identified as H 1307-9) printed "press release from China Conference, Arrangements Committee, Room 205, 110 Market Street, San Francisco, EX 4093. Brigadier General EVANS F. CARLSON, USMCR (RET) temporary chairman." The name ARNAUTOFF is the third of a list of 29 names appearing on this sheet of paper.

Special Agent JOHN W. SCHALLER on September 19, 1945, was furnished a typewritten list of names (identified as H 1166-11) under the caption, "names for invitation to March 29 institute." The names of Mr. and Mrs. ARNAUTOFF, 547 37th Avenue are included on a list appearing on this piece of paper. (The March 29 institute referred to here was the Dumbarton Oaks Institute of the Communist Party.)

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DETAILS:

ARNAUTOFF born November 11, 1896, at Marinpol, Russia.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ARNAUTOFF continues to serve as president of the Russian-American Society, having been re-elected to this office on January 31, 1947. ARNAUTOFF has wanted to resign his position for some time but remains because of the desires of the Communist Party that he do so. He has been in frequent contact with the Soviet consular officials and informants advise that as a result of these contacts, ARNAUTOFF relays orders from the Consulate to the Russian-American Society. Consular officials occasionally attend meetings of the RAS and openly participate in matters of policy. ARNAUTOFF continues as a member of the Communist Party and belongs to the New Era (Professional) Club. He has been in regular attendance at meetings of this club and has contributed twenty per cent of his sales of art work to the Party.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-47675

Report of Special Agent FRED RUSSELL ELLEDGE, San Francisco, dated October 2, 1946.

DETAILS: ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RUSSIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY

The following information concerning ARNAUTOFF's participation in the affairs and activities of the Russian-American Society was furnished by Confidential Informant [redacted]: FOIA(b)(7)-(D)

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At the regular meeting of the above society held on August 23, 1946, objection was raised to ARNAUTOFF's acting as delegate to the All-Slav Conference, and at the meeting held on September 6, 1946, ARNAUTOFF tendered his resignation as the above delegate.

At a regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the RAS, Soviet Vice-Consul AFANASIEV was present and acted as chairman of the meeting. He announced that communications have been received at the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco advising of the growing dissension among the RAS members. He stated that the Soviet consular officials thought a great deal of the work of the RAS and that this meeting was called to find the cause of the trouble, and if possible, to patch it up. He then asked for frank discussions and for everyone to speak his mind. A very heated discussion followed, from which it was evident that there are two factions within the RAS—one faction headed by ARNAUTOFF and the other by DMITRI ZEMOVASKY, vice-president of the group. ARNAUTOFF during this discussion was accused of being dictatorial and rude, and was also charged with having been a former White Army officer. ZEMOVASKY was accused of blocking every move that was for the benefit of the Society, of associating with Trotskyites, and of being anti-Semitic. The informant reported that only the able chairmanship of AFANASIEV kept the meeting from breaking into an open fight, and at the conclusion of the meeting, he asked all present to forgive and forget and continue their work of helping the Soviet Union.

This informant advised that ARNAUTOFF was present at and acted as chairman of the executive committee meeting held on September 13, 1946, the regular meeting held on September 20, 1946, and the executive board meeting held on September 20, 1946.

At the regular meeting held on October 4, 1946, a report of the All-Slav Conference was given by JOHN ORLOFF. ORLOFF told of the great enthusiasm over messages received from Stalin and Tito. He brought to the meeting a bottle of Russian-made Vodka, a gift from JACOB LOMAKIN, former Soviet Consul-General in San Francisco, presently stationed in New York. This Vodka was divided and toasts to Stalin were drunk.

ARNAUTOFF was also present at the regular meeting of the society held on October 18, 1946, and the executive board meeting held on October 25, 1946. At the regular meeting on November 1, 1946, ARNAUTOFF made a motion for the RAS to affiliate with the Russian League of America. He urged that the RAS join the League so more Russians could be reached and converted into friends of the Soviet Union.

On November 3, 1946, a meeting of the Communist faction of the RAS was attended, among others, by ARNAUTOFF, and his wife, LYDIA. At this meeting, the election of officers for 1947 was discussed, and it was decided

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to nominate only those persons who had indicated a willingness to follow the Communist Party line. The name of ANNA JURGENSON was suggested for the office of Vice President, but as she is a Soviet citizen, it was decided to ask the Soviet Consulate for approval of this act. Also discussed at this meeting were plans to dominate and influence the Russian League of America from a Communist angle. ARNAUTOFF stated at this meeting that he had desired to resign as president of the RAS but that Party officials had insisted that he remain in this post.

ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at the regular meeting of the Society held on November 15, 1946, and served as chairman of the executive board meeting held on November 22, 1946. At this latter meeting, it was decided to combine the celebration of Red Army Day with a dinner and entertainment. The entertainment committee was directed to contact the Soviet Consulate for approval of these plans.

At the meeting held on November 29, 1946, ARNAUTOFF announced that on December 11, 1946, the Society would hear a lecture on "Dangers of a Third World War," by one KUSANIN, who was well-known among the New York Russian colony.

On December 20, 1946, at the regular meeting of the Society, it was decided to send a telegram to STALIN from the Soviet Consulate congratulating him, STALIN, on his sixty-seventh birthday.

Mrs Victor Michael

On December 22, 1946, ARNAUTOFF and his wife attended a meeting of Party members and trusted Comrades within the RAS, which meeting was held for the purpose of discussing the League of Russian Organizations. Some of the members present wanted to dissolve the League, but it was argued that it was very important to the Russian-American Society's work in behalf of the Soviet Union. It was decided that the League should promote a Russian festival to consist of Russian dances and music in conjunction with the American-Russian Institute. It was felt that such a festival would attract members of the Russian colony and would promote the ideas of the League.

ARNAUTOFF was present at a meeting of the executive board held on December 27, 1946, the regular meeting held on January 3, 1947, the executive board meeting held on January 10, 1947, and at the regular meeting held on January 17, 1947. At this latter meeting, ARNAUTOFF was again nominated for the office of president of the Society for the year of 1947.

VICTOR AFANASIEV, Soviet Vice-Consul, was present at the meeting of this Society held on January 31, 1947. GEORGE BRATOFF, a member of the Society, gave a lecture on the three Five-Year Plans in the Soviet Union, during the course of which he told of the Soviet achievements in the last twenty-nine years. At this meeting, ARNAUTOFF was elected to act as president for the year 1947.

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At the regular meeting held on February 21, 1947, a heated debate arose regarding the use of money of the Society. VICTOR AFANASIEV was quoted as saying that the money should be used on Soviet propaganda rather than using it to help children in the Soviet Union. The Society voted to use the money for propaganda work.

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF served as chairman of a celebration held on February 22, 1947, honoring the birthday of George Washington and the Twenty-Ninth Anniversary of the Soviet Army of the USSR. KONSTANTIN EFREMOV, Soviet Consul-General, was present and gave a speech at this meeting.

At the meeting held on March 14, 1947, ARNAUTOFF gave a talk during which he called attention to the reactionary policy of President TRUMAN in Greece and added that TRUMAN's actions will affect our relations with Russia. He invited the members to express their opinion of TRUMAN's actions. The consensus of opinion of the members of the Society was that TRUMAN's policy was very reactionary and would bring no good to America and the world in general. It was stated that this action would strengthen Fascism in Greece and Turkey, promote reaction in the United States, and eventually lead to war with the Soviet Union. It was decided that the task of the RAS was to fight these policies at all costs. A committee was elected to (1) draft a resolution to be sent to the White House, condemning President TRUMAN, (2) contact other progressive organizations for the purpose of organizing a huge protest meeting, (3) start a movement to change the constitution in such a way that people of low intelligence could not be elected to high offices in the United States Government.

ARNAUTOFF acted as chairman of the Executive Board meeting held on March 7, 1947, at which time plans for the year 1947 were discussed. It was decided that recruiting should be intensified and more attention given to public meetings and affairs.

At the meeting of the Executive Board held on March 23, 1947, MAX PECK, a member of the Society, was directed to get a resolutions committee together and write a resolution condemning President TRUMAN for his policy in Greece.

At the meeting of the executive board on April 4, 1947, a donation of $10 was voted to the People's World, Communist dominated newspaper, for May Day. It was also announced that at the next membership meeting, moving pictures of the Hollywood strike and "Spain Abroad" would be shown, and that a collection would be taken up to aid the Hollywood strikers. The informant reported that the above pictures were exhibited at the regular membership meeting held on April 11, 1947, and that a collection was taken up to aid the Hollywood strikers.

At the membership meeting held on April 25, 1947, all members were urged to write letters to Senator KNOWLAND condemning him for voting to send money and military aid to Greece and Turkey.

The regular meeting on May 9, 1947, was held at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California, which building had been purchased by the Society as its new home. ARNAUTOFF acted as chairman of this meeting and congratulated all members on the occasion of their first meeting in this new home. He announced also that the night before he had sent a telegram to the Soviet Consul congratulating him and all the Soviet Union upon the second anniversary of their victory over Fascism.

At a meeting of the executive board held on May 30, 1947, ARNAUTOFF read a letter from the Communist Party attorney which letter advised that Soviet newspapers could be mailed anywhere in the United States without the need of registering as agents of foreign powers.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on January 8, 1947, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and his wife were present at the Soviet Consulate at an entertainment sponsored by the Soviet Consul-General and his staff. During this celebration, two sound films, "The Turning Point," and "Physical Culture Parade in Moscow," were exhibited. This same informant advised that on February 10, 1947, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and his wife held a party for members of the Soviet Consulate and members of the Executive Board of the Russian-American Society. During this party, refreshments and drinks were served and toasts to friendship between peoples of the United States of America and the USSR and the good work done by the RAS were drunk.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on May 27, 1947, that NORMA FAGERHAUGH of the American-Russian Institute contacted ARNAUTOFF and stated that she would like to have a definite date set for the membership meeting at the end of June at which ARNAUTOFF would present the art supplies to EFREMOV that had been purchased by the Art Committee to be sent to Russia. ARNAUTOFF advised her that he would contact EFREMOV and would then contact her later that day.

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ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

The following information concerning ARNAUTOFF's membership in the New Era Club(Professional) of the Communist Party and his attendance at meetings of this club was furnished by Confidential Informant [redacted].

The meeting of this club for September 12, 1946, was held at the studio of ARNAUTOFF, 730 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California. An appeal was made at this meeting for support of the current People's World Drive. It was also announced at this meeting that the Northern California PAC was to hold a forum and workers school from September 27 to 29 and that they were urging that a Party member give a class or two at this forum. It was cautioned that this speaker must be careful in his approach so that his Party membership wouldn't be obvious. The educational at this meeting was on the topic of Self-Determination and Nationalization of the Negro, and a resolution was introduced to the effect that the Party should sponsor a greater knowledge and understanding of the desires and aims of the Negro people.

ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at the regular meeting of this club held on September 26, 1946, at the home of LEONARD POCKMAN, 169 Jordan Avenue, San Francisco. He also was in attendance at the executive meeting of this club on October 17, 1946, also held at the home of POCKMAN.

At the regular meeting of the New Era Club on October 24, 1946, ARNAUTOFF gave a report on the meeting of the educational directors. He stated that the educational was on the significance of the elections and the Party's role in the elections. At the meeting held on November 7, 1946,

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ARNAUTOFF gave a talk on art. The educational at this meeting was on the role of the Party members in dealing with mass groups and liberal individuals. During the educational, it was stated that "Fascism is a direct growth of imperialistic capitalism and stems from rivalry between capitalistic states. It deprives workers of all rights while deceiving them with demagogic and nationalistic appeals. The only defense against it is to work within the nation and form a strong democratic group of people."

ARNAUTOFF was in regular attendance at meetings of the New Era Club held on November 14, 1946, at 128A Fourth Avenue, and at the meeting held on December 19, 1946, at 1375 - 31st Avenue. The educational at this latter meeting was on the role of the artist and professional in the Party and in the community. It was stated that the artist and professional can play an important role in swaying the opinion of the masses. It was indicated that every member was to be interviewed in regard to their mass activity as this activity is vital.

ARNAUTOFF also was in attendance at the following meetings of the New Era Club:

February 13, 1947, at 1375 - 31st Avenue, San Francisco.
February 28, 1947, at 129A Fourth Avenue, San Francisco
March 13, 1947, at 810 Pacheco, San Francisco.

At the latter meeting it was announced that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF would not be at Stanford University for the current semester.

ARNAUTOFF also attended meetings held on April 10, 1947, April 24, 1947, May 8, 1947, and June 5, 1947. At the last above-named meeting, the educational was on the loans to Greece and Turkey. It was stated that these loans have two objectives—first, to quell the people of Greece, and second, to alienate these two countries from Russian influence and to ensure that the governments of Greece and Turkey are friendly to the aims of the United States imperialist ambitions in the Near East. It was stated that the purpose of the Party was to consolidate the people of the United States of America with the people of foreign countries in a true democratic front.

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In addition to the information furnished by Confidential Informant [redacted], Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at a meeting of the New Era Club held on February 13, 1947.

Confidential Informant [redacted] also advised that ARNAUTOFF acted as chairman of the meeting of the New Era Club held at ARNAUTOFF's studio, 730 Montgomery Street, on September 12, 1946. This informant also advised of ARNAUTOFF's attendance at meetings of the New Era Club on the following dates: September 26, 1946, October 31, 1946, and November 7, 1946.

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At the meeting held on October 31, 1946, ARNAUTOFF donated the sum of $40 to the Treasurer for the general fund. ARNAUTOFF also announced that he has pledged to give twenty per cent of his sales of art work to the Party. He said he would just as soon pay it to the Party as to pay it on commission to an agent. At the meeting held on November 7, 1946, ARNAUTOFF stated that he thought the Northern California PAC was using the same tactics as the Fascist Party used in Germany in World War I in their rise to power. He stated that they used their pressure to force or persuade people to think or act as they wanted them to do in an attempt to seize political control. This statement on the part of ARNAUTOFF was challenged by LEONARD POCKMAN, another member of the New Era Club, and ARNAUTOFF stated that perhaps for the good of the government of the Communist Party, this undemocratic action on the part of the Northern California PAC was necessary.

The above informant also advised that ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at a meeting of the New Era Club held on November 24, 1946.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on March 6, 1946, he overheard a conversation between ARNAUTOFF and GIACOMO PATRI that he couldn't take some particular class at the California Labor School. PATRI asked ARNAUTOFF what he was doing in regard to the California Labor School drive. ARNAUTOFF stated that he had sold twenty tickets andhad pledged to sell twenty more. PATRI then stated that some people sent out personal letters concerning the drive which had met with good results, and asked ARNAUTOFF if he would try this. ARNAUTOFF agreed that he would.

On October 9, 1946, a highly confidential source made available the financial records of the San Francisco County Communist Party to Special Agents EDWARD DORNLAS and STANLEY F. FEWSTER. Contained in these records is the name of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF under a caption "Members Contributing." Opposite the name of ARNAUTOFF was the entry, 50¢. Another entry in these records was to the effect that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had contributed nineteen per cent of the results of an art show. This entry was under the date of March 30.

Confidential Informant [redacted] on October 11, 1946, made available to Special Agent C. JAMES FLEMING a copy of a mimeographed letter as follows:

"21 Laidley Street
San Francisco, California

"Dear Friend:

"You are cordially invited to attend a reception to hear A. B. Magill, who is editor of New Masses, speak on 'Socialism and You.' This will be Magill's only

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"San Francisco appearance while he is on the West Coast. The reception is next Wednesday, October 16, 8 P. M. at 21 Laidley Street near 30th. Take J car to end of line.

"We hope you will be able to come. Please feel free to bring any of your friends who might be interested.

"Sincerely,

Sponsoring Committee."

Eleven names appear as members of the Sponsoring Committee, the first name being that of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, w.a.s.	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject still residing with wife, LYDIA ARNAUTOFF at 547 - 37th Avenue, San Francisco. He is president of Russian American Society and continues to be very active in that organization. He regularly attends meetings of New Era Club of CP and is in close and constant contact with officials of Soviet Consulate in San Francisco. Subject is reported to be a member of the National Negro Congress and is scheduled to participate in a Round Table discussion at the American Russian Institute on the subject of "Art in the Soviet Union".

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REFERENCES:

Bureau File No. 100-47675
Report of SA FRED RUSSELL ELLEDGE dated 7-9-47 at San Francisco, California

DETAILS:

ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY

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Confidential Informant furnished the following information regarding the subject's activities in the Russian American Society:

Subject acted as a chairman at the meeting of the Russian American Society at 321 Divisadero Street on June 6, 1947. On June 7, 1947,

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the Russian American Society held a house-warming party at 321 Divisadero Street. The party was attended by Vice Consul and Mrs. VICTOR AFANASIEV and Secretary and Mrs. KHRAMEEV of the USSR Consulate. AFANASIEV in a speech assured those present at the party that the Soviet Union has only peaceable intentions and all of the war talk comes from certain circles in the United States. In reply, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF assured the Vice Consul that the Russian American Society would do all in its power to promote friendship between the two nations.

On June 13, 1947, subject acted as chairman at a meeting of the Russian American Society held at 321 Divisadero Street. This meeting was taken up with the discussion of the money collected for the new Russian American Society building.

A meeting of the Russian American Society was held on June 27, 1947 at 321 Divisadero and at this meeting Chairman ARNAUTOFF introduced AL RICHMAN, Peoples World editor and Communist Party member. RICHMAN gave a speech before the Society in which he reviewed the good work done bythe Peoples World toward understanding and peace between the United States and the USSR. JERRY FEINGOLD, RAS member, made a speech to members of this Society in support of the current Peoples World financial drive.

On July 7, 1947, subject attended an executive board meeting of the Russian American Society which was held at 321 Divisadero Street. It was announced at the meeting that Dr. HOLLAND ROBERTS of the California Labor School desired to join the Russian American Society. It was decided to recommend to the general membership meeting that he be accepted.

JOHN ORLOFF reported that the RAS Committee on the Peoples World financial drive planned to have a fund-raising party some time in August and, in order to keep the name of the Russian American Society out of it, the Committee plans to call itself "Friends of Progressive Press" and to collect funds for the Peoples World under that name. The executive board approved the action of the committee and instructed them to continue their good work.

Subject was in attendance at a meeting of the Russian American Society on July 11, 1947 at 321 Divisadero Street. On July 23, 1947, the subject and his wife, LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, were present at a meeting of the Communist Party faction of the Russian American Society which was held in subject's home at 547 - 37th Avenue, San Francisco, California. The group had a discussion of the subversive activities of the vice president of RAS, NICK ZEMAVASKY. According to the informant, ZEMAVASKY obviously

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desires to be the president of the Russian American Society or, at least, run things the way he wants. However, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF stands in his way. ZEMAVASKY is extremely critical of mistakes made by ARNAUTOFF, multiplied many times by ZEMAVASKY and presented that way to the members of the Society. It was suggested at this meeting that JOHN ORLOFF, a member of the RAS, be recruited into the Communist Party, it being felt that he would make a good Party member. Subject and his wife were of a different opinion, however. It was finally decided to try to recruit ORLOFF into the Party and it was also brought out that VLADIMIR LOUNKIN is also ready to be recruited into the Communist Party. LYDIA ARNAUTOFF reported that the League of Russian Organizations was dead and the executive board of the league had decided to dissolve it. It was pointed out that the propaganda of the reactionaries was stronger than that of the Russian American Society and only thirty people had joined the league, twenty of them being members of the Russian American Society. It was decided to use the League for future work in supporting WALLACE's movement in his Third Party. The League was to be finally dissolved and a new Society under a different name was to be formed.

At a meeting of the Russian American Society on July 25, 1947, ARNAUTOFF reported to the membership that the RAS executive board was at that time in consultation with the executive board of the American Russian Institute for the purpose of joining the efforts of the two organizations toward their common goal--friendship between the peoples of the United States and the USSR. He advised that a final joint meeting was to be held on Aug. 29, 1947. At this meeting, ARNAUTOFF was instructed by the membership to invite the American Russian Institute to join the Society in the coming celebration of the 800th anniversary of Moscow to be held on Dec. 13, 1947 at the Scottish Rite Auditorium.

Subject was present at a meeting of the executive board of the RAS on Aug.1, 1947. At this meeting, the board decided to relieve ARNAUTOFF from his duties as publicity director of this Society and appoint JERRY FEINGOLD to this capacity. In discussing further plans for the 800th anniversary celebration of Moscow, ARNAUTOFF was instructed by the executive board to see the Soviet Consul KONSTANTIN EFREMOV and ask him to participate in the celebration. Subject was present at a meeting of the RAS on Aug. 8, 1947. This meeting was taken up with the discussion of the celebration of the 800th anniversary at Moscow. He was also in attendance at an executive board meeting of the RAS on Sept. 12, 1947 when further plans were discussed for the 800th anniversary celebration.

Subject was present at a meeting of theRAS on Oct. 3, 1947. At this meeting, the treasurer of the Society announced that there was $1.93 in the treasury. The concert given by KAZOKEBICH sponsored by the Society, resulted in a $370.00 deficit. The treasurer announced that something must be done or the RAS would have to close its doors. In a bitter argument

which followed the treasurer's announcement, the membership denounced the executive board, particularly, the president, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, and JERRY FEINGOLD for mis-management. They were accused of spending the Society's money on their political friends, such as, buying large ads in the Peoples World in the name of the Society. According to the informant at this meeting, ANNA JURGENSEN, member of the executive board and president of the Women's Committee of the RAS, stated that she was leaving the Society because of poor health. According to the informant, this was a very weak excuse and, in his opinion, that she is leaving the society because of her dislike for the subject. Upon the announcement by Mrs. JURGENSEN that she was leaving the Society, the membership demanded that the RAS clean house and it was brought out that the officers in this society were playing favorites.

An article appearing in the "Novaya Zarya", a Russian language newspaper, on Sept. 9, 1947 announced that on Saturday, Sept. 6,1947, the Russian American Society held a reception to celebrate the 800th Anniversary of Moscow. The reception was held in honor of the Consul General of the USSR in San Francisco, KONSTANTIN EFREMOV and the Consulate personnel. Present at the reception were the Soviet Consulate General, KONSTANTIN EFREMOV and Mrs. EFREMOV, Vice Consul V. V. AFANASIEV, V. I. KHRAMEEV and wife, and other Consulate workers. The honored guest at the reception was S. R. STRIGANOV, first secretary at the Soviet Embassy in Washington who came by plane to San Francisco. The article stated that V. M. ARNAUTOFF, Chairman of the Russian American Society, greeted the guests. The exhibits at the reception were pictures and articles depicting life in Moscow. The guests were also shown pictures of life in old Moscow and pictures of the Russian revolution.

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ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] have reported on the following information concerning the subject's Communist Party activities:

Subject was in attendance at a meeting of the New Era Club of the Communist Party on June 19, 1947 at 810 Pacheco Street, the home of HELEN MILLER. There was a discussion of the club's plans for raising funds for the Peoples World. During this discussion, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF advised that the Russian American Society hall was available for meetings by the club.

On July 3, 1947, subject was in attendance at a meeting of the New Era Club at the home of SIDNEY BRISKER, 1325 Cabrillo Street. It was announced at the meeting that a painting by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, which was to be raffled off by the club for the benefit of the Peoples World financial drive, would be displayed in the International Book Store.

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Informants advise that subject was also in attendance at a meeting of the New Era Club on July 17, 1947 at the home of SIDNEY BRISKER and the educational of the meeting was a discussion of the organization of a third political party.

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ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE AND THE NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS

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Confidential Informant [redacted] on July 23, 1947 furnished a partial list of the membership of the National Negro Congress. It was noted that the subject's name appears on this list.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on Sept. 25, 1947, BILL KERNER, Director of the Russian American Institute, had contacted Mrs. ARNAUTOFF and stated that he wanted to get in touch with the subject to see if he would participate in a round-table discussion to be held on Dec. 1, 1947 to discuss art in the Soviet Union. The informant advised that when VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was advised of KERNER's request, he had accepted the invitation and stated that he would be glad to participate in such a discussion.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject continues to be active as the President of the Russian American Society and in the New Era Club of the Communist Party. He participated in a conference at the California Labor School held on August 2, and 3, 1947. Was in attendance at the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Russian Revolution held at the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco on 11/6/47.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. RAY MILLER dated October 25, 1947, at San Francisco, California.

DETAILS:

ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY

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On September 29, 1947, Mrs. MINNIE FOLKOFF, wife of ISAAC FOLKOFF, a top Communist Party functionary in San Francisco, told Confidential Informant [redacted] that she had been advised by the Subject that the Russian American Society had already rented the Scottish Rite Auditorium for November 8, 1947. Informant was of the opinion that this was in connection with the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Russian Revolution. Mrs. FOLKOFF stated that during her conversation with Subject she had mentioned the fact that the American-Russian Institute might as well close its doors because id did not seem to be doing anything any more. ARNAUTOFF told her that the Russian American Society and the American-Russian Institute had recently had a joint meeting and in the future the American-Russian Institute would be more active.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on October 15, 1947, a meeting of the leading members of the Russian American Society was held at 1885 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, and those present were GEORGE WILLIAMS, VLADIMIR LOUNKIN, DMITRI TMSHENETZKY, CLARA SILVERSTEIN, JERRY FEINGOLD, WALTER ASTASHEVESKY, LYDIA ARNAUTOFF and the Subject.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear grievances of the Russian American Society members against the officers of the Society. JERRY FEINGOLD accused VICTOR ARNAUTOFF of running the society in a dictatorial manner and having caused several members to resign because of his rudeness. Subject also was accused of using his position for personal profit. ARNAUTOFF denied all of the accusations. GEORGE WILLIAMS, who acted as chairman at this meeting, suggested that a secret steering committee be set up to conduct the affairs of the society and the Subject. JERRY FEINGOLD, and VLADIMIR LOUNKIN were elected to this committee.

The group also decided to combat anti-Soviet propaganda by issuing leaflets explaining the Marshall Plan, the Truman Doctrine and the aims of the Soviet Union. All members were instructed to watch for displaced persons arriving from Europe since it was pointed out that they are the main source of anti-Soviet propaganda.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that at a meeting of the Russian American Society held on October 17, 1947, the Subject acted as chairman and introduced OLETA YATES, who made a short speech urging the society members to vote for her for supervisor. OLETA YATES is the chairman to the Communist Party in San Francisco and was a candidate for city supervisor in the recent elections.

At this meeting ARNAUTOFF announced that former U. S. Senator HUGH DeLACY of Washington, had agreed to be the main speaker at the celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Soviet Union on November 8, 1947 providing the society paid him one hundred eight dollars. This matter was referred to the Executive Board.

ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

On September 19, 1947, Confidential Informant [redacted] made available to this office a program entitled "CALL TO A TWO DAY CONFERENCE FOR CULTURAL WORKERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC". This conference was held at the California Labor School, a Communist dominated organization, on August 2 and 3, 1947. It was noted that the Subject's name appeared on the program as one of the participants at this conference.

On September 26, 1947, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Subject attended a meeting of the New Era Club of the Communist Party at the home of SIDNEY BRISKER, 1325 Cabrillo Street, San Francisco, on September 25, 1947. HELEN MILLER led the Educational on "Fascism" based on the book "United Front Against Fascism" by GEORGE DMITROV. She pointed out that the

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seeds of Fascism are being sown in the United States by the Taft-Hartley law, anti-Negro feelings and Department of Justice investigations. She further pointed out that because Communists are not permitted to participate in the Government, it is all the more necessary for them to present candidates in state and city elections, thus giving their members an opportunity to express themselves by protest votes.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Subject attended a meeting of the New Era Club of the Communist Party at the home of JACK ESHLEMAN on October 23, 1947. SIDNEY BRISKER led the educational on "left wing Communism" as related to the current San Francisco elections.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on November 21, 1947, that the Subject and his wife were in attendance at the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Russian Revolution at the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco on November 6, 1947.

ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE AMERICAN-RUSSIAN INSTITUTE

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On November 6, 1947, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that BILL KERNER, director of the American-Russian Institute, left a message for the Subject advising him that there was to be an executive committee meeting at the Institute on the following Tuesday at 1:00 P.M. As set forth in referenced report, the Executive Boards of the Russian-American Society and the American-Russian Institute have been, in the past, holding joint meetings and there are indications at the present time that they are continuing this practice. It is believed that KERNER was referring to such a meeting.

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This informant advised that on November 14, 1947, ROSE ISAAK, Executive Secretary of the American Russian Institute, contacted Subject's wife, LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, and stated that she would like the Subject to speak on Arts and Crafts at the regular membership meeting of the Institute.

This informant further advised that on November 18, 1947, BILL KERNER told the Subject that they want a representative from the Society (Russian American Society) on the platform and ARNAUTOFF told KERNER that he would be there. Informant is of the opinion that this conversation was in connection with the scheduled appearance of the Dean of Canterbury, HEWELETT JOHNSON, on November 20, 1947, who was being sponsored by the American-Russian Institute.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that on November 1, 1947, ROSE ISAAK contacted the Subject and advised him that she had received an air mail letter for him at her address. She also stated that there was a small portfolio from the Soviet Union for him at the American-Russian Institute. ARNAUTOFF told ISAAK that he would come by the Institute about noon and pick them up. A surveillance was conducted in the vicinity of the American Russian Institute by Agents of this office with negative results.

Confidential Informant [redacted] was interviewed concerning the Subject on November 29, 1947, at which time informant advised that the Subject is presently teaching at Stanford University five days a week and two or three nights a week at the California Labor School. Other than attending meetings of the New Era Club of the Communist Party, the informant stated that Subject is not actively participating in Communist Party affairs.

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Will continue to follow and report Subject's activities and contacts as reported by Confidential Informants and sources of this office.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was	INTERNAL SECURITY -R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject continues to maintain close and constant contact with the officials of the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco. He is member of Board of directors of American Russian Institute and has been re-elected president of the Russian American Society. He is still very active in this organization. Subject is a member of the New Era Club of the San Francisco Communist Party and regularly attends the meetings of this club.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA E. RAY MILLER, dated December 6, 1947 at San Francisco.

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ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY

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The activities of ARNAUTOFF in connection with the Russian American Society as reported by Confidential Informant [redacted] are set forth below in chronological order.

Subject presided at a meeting of the RAS on November 7, 1947. The entire meeting was devoted to a discussion on preparations for the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Soviet Union celebration which was to be held on November 8, 1947 at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Francisco.

On November 19, 1947, subject attended a meeting of the executive board of the RAS held at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco. The board decided to hold the Christmas bazaar of the Society on December 13 and 14. ARNAUTOFF announced that AMTORG had offered the Society some objects of Russian handicraft, such as wooden spoons, boxes and trays at a very low price. It was decided to order these items and sell them at the bazaar.

At a meeting of the RAS on November 21, 1947, ARNAUTOFF advised the members that he had received a letter from the California Labor School, a Communist dominated institution, in which they noted that the two organizations had conflicting dates for their Christmas bazaar and it had therefore been decided that the RAS would hold its bazaar on December 6 and 7. At this meeting LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, subject's wife, announced that the Society had received five hundred books from the Soviet Union and urged the members to patronize the library more.

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Subject was present at a meeting of the RAS held at 321 Divisadero on December 5, 1947, at which time GEORGE BRATOFF, a member of the RAS, made a short speech in honor of the anniversary of the Soviet Constitution, stating that it is a progressive and democratic constitution and serves as an example to all democratic governments.

On December 14, 1947, subject attended a meeting of the Executive Board of the RAS held at 321 Divisadero Street. The principal discussion at this meeting had to do with complaints received by the Executive Board to the effect that THEODORE GORBACHEFF, who is the conductor of the RAS choir, had been teaching the choir church and old classical songs rather than Soviet songs.

Subject presided at a meeting of the Russian American Society held on December 19, 1947, at 321 Divisadero Street. At this meeting subject announced that nominations for officers of the Society for 1948 would be held on January 16, 1948 and the elections of officers would be held on January 30, 1948.

ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at a meeting of the Executive Board of the RAS on January 2, 1948, at which time it was announced that the Society would have a joint celebration of Red Army Day and Washington's Birthday on February 21, 1948.

Informant advised that at the meeting of the RAS on January 16, 1948, held for the purpose of nomination of officers for 1948, ARNAUTOFF was the only nominee for president of the Society. Informant reported that at the meeting of the RAS held on January 30, 1948, for the purpose of electing officers, there were eighty-four members eligible to vote, however, only fifty members voted. ARNAUTOFF, who was unopposed as president, received forty-one votes.

Subject was present at a meeting of the RAS Executive Board on January 27, 1948 and presided at the regular RAS meeting held on February 27, 1948.

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On May 1, 1948, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that he had, shortly prior to that time, attended a meeting of the Club Committee of the RAS. The function of this committee is to plan the programs for the Society. At this meeting informant proposed that the RAS invite various officials of the Russian Consulate to appear before the membership of the Society and give lectures. He was quickly overruled on this proposal by subject who stated that such a thing could not be done because the "weather" is bad now. Informant stated that few days later he saw VICTOR AFANASSIEV,

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Soviet Vice Consul in San Francisco, and mentioned his proposal to him and told AFANASSIEV that ARNAUTOFF had stated that such was not possible. AFFANASSIEV told informant that he had instructed ARNAUTOFF not to invite Consulate personnel to appear before the Russian American Society because the Society was under investigation by the Un-American Activities Committee and an appearance by a Consular official before the RAS might be detrimental to the Society.

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On May 6, 1948, Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that one CONSTANCE BUCHANAN contacted WILLIAM KERNER at the American Russian Institute and stated that the movie "The Iron Curtain" would be showing soon in San Francisco. She inquired if the ARI planned to do anything about it. KERNER told BUCHANAN that the ARI did not enter into politics and suggested she call VICTOR ARNAUTOFF of the Russian American Society.

On April 9, 1948, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Mrs. ESTHER FOLKOFF, a local Communist, had advised that subject had brought to her house some protest notices to be signed and mailed against the production of the movie "The Iron Curtain."

ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

On May 22, 1947, Confidential Informant [redacted] made available to the San Francisco Office a box of envelopes obtained from Communist Party headquarters in San Francisco. Each envelope contained an advertisement of the Peoples' Picnic, to be held June 1, 1947, at Oak Cove Park, sponsored by the Communist Party of San Francisco. It was noted that one of these envelopes was addressed to subject.

On November 19, 1947, Confidential Informant [redacted] made available the official records of the New Era Club, a professional branch of the Communist Party of San Francisco, and it was noted that subject is a member of this club.

Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] have reported that subject has been present at meetings of the New Era Club on the following dates: December 4, 1947, at the home of NORMAN CANRIGHT, 129A Fourth Avenue; December 18, 1947, at the home of RALPH BRUENN, 212 Shields Street; January 8, 1948, at the home of SIDNEY BRISKER, 1325 Cabrillo Street; January 24, 1948, at the home of JACK ESHLEMAN, 815 Plymouth Avenue; February 5, 1948, at the home of SIDNEY BRISKER, 1325 Cabrillo Street; February 12, 1948, at the home of SIDNEY BRISKER; February 26, 1948, at the home of ISAAC FOLKOFF, 112 Havelock Street; March 4, 1948, at 810 Pacheco Street; and March 18, 1948, at the home of SIDNEY BRISKER, 1325 Cabrillo Street.

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On February 23, 1948, Confidential Informant T-16 furnished the San Francisco Office with a letter dated February 10, 1948, on the stationery of the Civil Rights Congress, San Francisco Chapter, signed by MARVA BOVINGDON, as executive secretary, concerning a public meeting at which time the Congress would present Dr. HARRY E. WARD, speaking on "The Attack on Civil Rights Can Be Stopped". The letter warned of the alleged damage to civil rights as a result of the action of the Un-American Activities Committee, failure of Congress to act on anti-lynching legislation, the effects of the Taft-Hartley bill, and the activities of the loyalty orders. Mention was made of the deportation hearings against JOHN VOICH, BILL HEIKKILA and FRANK CARLSON. Enclosed with the letter was a protest statement apparently to be used by various unions and progressive organizations. The statement denounced the deportation proceedings throughout the United States and accused the United States Government of persecuting non-citizens by charging them with being a member of the Communist Party. The subject's name appeared as one of those signing this protest statement.

ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE
AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE

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On January 6, 1948, Confidential Informant furnished a leaflet which described the work of the American Russian Institute. This leaflet contained a list of the officers and board of directors of the institute and it is noted that subject's name appears on this list as a member of the Board of Directors.

Confidential Informant advised on April 5, 1948, that ARNAUTOFF had an appointment on that date to see WILLIAM KERNER, Director of the ARI, at the offices of the institute located at 101 Post Street, San Francisco.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was	INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject continues to be active in New Era Club of San Francisco Communist Party. He is president of Russian American Society and continues active in that organization. Until Soviet Consulate personnel left San Francisco on September 30, 1948, Subject continued to maintain closed and constant contact with them. Subject presently resides at 1283A Second Avenue, San Francisco, California.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA E. RAY MILLER, 7/23/48, at San Francisco.

DETAILS: ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

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Confidential Informants [redacted] have reported that Subject has been present at meetings of the New Era Club of the San Francisco Communist Party on the following dates: February 19, 1948, at the home of SIDNEY BRISKER, 1325 Cabrillo Street; March 18, 1948, at 1325 Cabrillo Street; April 1, 1948, at the home of HUGH and HELEN MILLER, 810 Pacheco Street; April 15, 1948, at 810 Pacheco Street; May 21, 1948, at 1325 Cabrillo Street; June 10, 1948, at 1325 Cabrillo Street; July 22, 1948, at the home of LOUISE GARRY, 482 Wellington Avenue; August 5, 1948, at 482 Wellington Avenue; and on August 19, 1948, at 1325 Cabrillo Street.

On May 1, 1948, Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished documentary evidence which reflects that ARNAUTOFF is a sponsor of the Civil Rights Congress, a Communist front organization.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on June 13, 1948, that on June 12, 1948, the Citizens Committee for Labors Rights was organized in San Francisco. Informant reported that Subject was present at the meeting and others present were known members of the Communist Party.

An article appeared in the "Daily People's World" of July 1, 1948, captioned, "Arnautoff Highlights Exhibit." The article dealt with an art exhibit held at the California Labor School. According to the article, highlighting the show were twenty wood engravings by ARNAUTOFF, the majority of which were illustrations and chapter headings for the forthcoming edition of MIKE QUIN'S book, "On The Drumhead."

Mrs. Victor Michael Arnautoff

On August 9, 1948, Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that Subject and his wife, LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, had attended a Communist Party picnic on the previous Sunday with ISAAC FOLKOFF, a prominent Communist, and his wife.

Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that Subject attended a meeting of the All-Slav Council of Northern California, a Communist front organization, held at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, on September 12, 1948.

ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY

Confidential Informant [redacted] had reported that Subject has been present and presided at meetings of the Russian American Society, 421 Divisadero Street, on the following dates: March 26, May 25, June 2, July 2, July 9 and July 23, 1948.

Informant advised that the meeting of May 28, 1948, ARNAUTOFF was delegated by the membership of the Society to contact the Civil Liberties Committee, a Communist front organization, for the purpose of combining forces with that organization in the anti-Mundt-Nixon Bill campaign.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that ARNAUTOFF attended the showing of a movie at the Russian Consulate in San Francisco on the night of August 16, 1948. According to informant, this movie was shown for members of the Russian American Society.

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ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on June 8, 1948, that ARNAUTOFF was to attend a meeting at the American Russian Institute, 101 Post Street, San Francisco, on that date.

On September 15, 1948, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Subject had an appointment on that date with BILL KERNER, Director of the American Russian Institute.

BORIS VOLKOV of 695 Dolores Street, San Francisco, while being interviewed regarding another matter by Special Agent RICHARD H. NELSON, furnished the following information regarding Subject whom he knows as a present Communist Party member and active pro-Soviet. He advised that he formerly was a member of the same Czarist Military Organization in Siberia as ARNAUTOFF and knew him both in Russia and in San Francisco as a vigorously anti-Communist fighter, prior to 1933. VOLKOV stated that in about that year ARNAUTOFF began to discontinue associations with White Russians and to endorse in one way or another Communist principles. He believes that ARNAUTOFF was taught Communism by DIEGO RIVERA, the Mexican muralist, under whom he studied art.

On September 8, 1948, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Subject presently resides at 1283-A Second Avenue, San Francisco, California.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject continues to be active in the New Era Club of the San Francisco Communist Party. He also continues to be active in the Russian American Society and the American Russian Institute.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. Ray Miller, dated October 28, 1948, at San Francisco.

DETAILS:

ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

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Confidential Informants [redacted] and [redacted] have reported that ARNAUTOFF has been present at meetings of the New Era Club of the San Francisco Commist Party on September 16, 1948, at the home of DORIS KOTTENHAUER, 2265 Geary Boulevard; September 30, 1948, at the home of DORIS KOTTENHAUER, and on October 28, 1948, at the home of NED HANCHETT, 278 Eureka Street. Special Agents TROY WILDER and DONALD J. KENNEDY observed ARNAUTOFF entering the address of NED HANCHETT on October 28, 1948, at 8:10 P. M.

At the meeting held on September 30, 1948, a discussion was had as towhether the New Era Club should meet four times a month instead of two times a month. According to Confidential Informant [redacted] ARNAUTOFF spoke

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strongly for weekly meetings, stating that it was impossible to keep abreast of affairs and be prepared for meeting arguments with only twenty-five educationals a year.

ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY AND THE AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE

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Confidential Informant [redacted] has advised that Subject presided as chairman at meetings of the Russian American Society held at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, on September 24, 1948; October 22, 1948; and November 12, 1948.

This informant has also reported that ARNAUTOFF has attended meetings of the Communist Party faction of the Russian American Society held on October 3, 1948 and on October 31, 1948, at 221 Noe Street, San Francisco.

On November 2, 1948, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that WILLIAM KERNER, Director of the American Russian Institute, contacted Subject and advised that there was to be an executive board meeting at one o'clock that date. Informant is of the opinion that KERNER was referring to an executive board meeting of the American Russian Institute.

On December 1, 1948, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that KERNER had advised a Mr. GIN (phonetic) to report to VICTOR ARNAUTOFF at 1283A-2nd Avenue at 7:30 A. M. on December 8, 1948. GIN and ARNAUTOFF would go from there and pick up decorations for the Civic Auditorium. On the following date this informant learned that Subject had advised that he could obtain twenty men and women to act as ushers.

The above apparently was in connection with the appearance of HEWLETT JOHNSON, Dean of Canterbury, under the auspices of the American Russian Institute at the Civic Auditorium on December 8, 1948.

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At San Francisco: Will continue to follow and report Subject's contacts and activities as reported by confidential informants and sources of information.

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Director, FBI

February 4, 1949

~~VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF~~, WAS
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. Ray Miller, San Francisco, dated January 12, 1949, entitled, "VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, WAS; INTERNAL SECURITY - R."

Reports submitted in instant investigation were originally submitted under the caption, "Internal Security - C," but the caption was subsequently changed to "Internal Security - R." Inasmuch as the subject's activities are chiefly related to Communist Party affairs, you are requested to report subsequent activities of the subject under a "Security Matter - C" character.

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VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ARNAUTOFF's activities in New Era Club, Communist Party, reported. Re-elected President of Russian American Society, 2/4/49. Member of Board of Directors of American Russian Institute. Subject continues to reside 1283A 2nd Avenue, San Francisco. Maintains art studio at 730 Montgomery Street and is part time art instructor, Stanford University, Palo Alto.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 100-47675.
Bureau letter dated 2/4/49.
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Report of SA E.A. MILLER dated 1/12/49, at San Francisco.

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ACTIVITIES IN NEW ERA CLUB, COMMUNIST PARTY

Confidential Informant [redacted] has advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended the following meetings of the New Era Club, Communist Party:

On 11/18/48 - at the home of NED HANCHETT, 278 Eureka St., San Francisco
On 12/16/48 - at the home of DORIS KOTTNAUER, 2265 Geary St., San Francisco
On 1/13/49 - at the home of THOMAS HARDWICK, 1642 Larkin St., San Francisco
On 1/27/49 - at the home of HELEN MILLER, 1235 Kirkham St., San Francisco
On 2/10/49 - at the home of DORIS KOTTNAUER
On 2/3/49 - at the home of NED HANCHETT
On 2/24/49 - at the home of THOMAS HARDWICK
On 3/3/49 - at the home of THOMAS HARDWICK.

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At the meeting held 1/27/49, according to [redacted] each member present was requested to give an evaluation of his individual work for the Communist Party during the past year. ARNAUTOFF advised that he had been working with the Russian American Society and the American Russian Institute. He explained that both organizations are under attack and at a critical point in their existence. He further stated that his teaching (part time art instructor at Stanford University) plus his activities with the ARI and RAS, kept him extremely busy. In addition he advised thathe was a member of a union but was not active.

Also at the meeting of 1/27/49, according to [redacted] a discussion was had concerning the possibilities of breaking up the New Era Club into two or three small organizations. It was explained that the purpose would be to have groups all ready formed with leaders familiar with the club and its work to carry out the party activities in case it should be necessary to go underground. A temporary slate was drawn up indicating that subject would be a section or group leader.

At the meeting held 2/3/49, according to the above informant, the New Era Club was divided into two groups, namely the Teacher's Group, headed by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, and the Miscellaneous Group, headed by WILLIAM KERNER.

[redacted] related that at the meeting of the New Era Club held 2/10/49, ARNAUTOFF reported on the financial standing of the members as to their contributions to the "Fight Fund" and the People's World Subscription Drive. He announced that $140 per month had been pledged and that it was hoped that the pledge could be raised to $150.00 per month. In addition ARNAUTOFF stated that the party needed one hundred thousand dollars in thirty days to pay current expenses and to wipe out all debts. The People's World is a West Coast daily newspaper completely controlled and dominated by the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant [redacted] has advised that ARNAUTOFF attended the following meetings of the New Era Club:

On 12/16/48 - at the home of DORIS KOTTNAUER, 2265 Geary St., San Francisco
On 12/30/48 - at the home of SIDNEY BRISKER, 1325 Cabrillo St., San Francisco
On 1/13/49 - at the home of THOMAS HARDWICK, 1642 Larkin St., San Francisco
On 1/27/49 - at the home of HELEN MILLER, 1235 Kirkham St., San Francisco
On 2/10/49 - at the home of DORIS KOTTNAUER
On 2/24/49 - at the home of THOMAS HARDWICK
On 2/23/49 - at the home of THOMAS HARDWICK

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At the meeting held 2/24/49, according to [redacted], ARNAUTOFF announced that the San Francisco County Communist Party Office had agreed to send out sustainer money collected during February to New York City to help pay the expenses for the trial of the "twelve."

Special Agents DONALD KENNEDY and FREDERICK YORK observed ARNAUTOFF enter the following residences on the dates set forth below. Previous information obtained from [redacted] indicated that a meeting of the New Era Club had been scheduled at that time.

2/10/49 - 2265 Geary Street, San Francisco
2/24/49 - 1642 Larkin Street, San Francisco
3/3/49 - 1642 Larkin Street, San Francisco

Special Agents DONALD KENNEDY and DONALD KUNO observed ARNAUTOFF enter the residence of HELEN MILLER, 1235 Kirkham Street on 1/27/49. A meeting of the New Era Club had been scheduled on this date at the above address according to [redacted].

ACTIVITIES IN RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY

The following information concerning ARNAUTOFF's activities in the RAS was received from Confidential Informant [redacted]:

On 11/28/48, ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting at 987 Hollister Street, the home of ALEZANDRA HOLINSKY. On 1/16/49, he attended a meeting of the "trusted members" at the home of GEORGE WILLIAMS, 221 Noe Street. On 1/21/49, he attended a meeting at the RAS Hall 321 Divisadero Street. At this meeting he was nominated President of the RAS. On 2/4/49, he attended a meeting at 321 Divisadero Street. At this meeting he was elected president of the society. On 2/18/49, he attended a meeting at 321 Divisadero Street.

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On October 15, 1948, ARNAUTOFF, as president of the RAS sent the following telegram to Attorney General THOMAS CLARK: "Urge impeaching Judge SYMES of Colorado for barbarous, indefinite sentence in Barry case." A photostatic copy of this telegram is being maintained in the San Francisco files.

This telegram was in protest of the action taken by the Federal Government in connection with persons who were subpoenaed before the Grand Jury in Denver, Colorado and were incarcerated upon their failure to testify concerning their knowledge of the Communist Party.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished a list of names and addresses of individuals who were members of the now defunct National Negro Congress of San Francisco. Contained in the list was the name of V. M. ARNAUTOFF. The National Negro Congress has been listed by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On 1/13/49, Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished a document announcing a series of classes on art and literature to be held at the California Labor School. The program for the classes reflects that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was scheduled to lecture on "Recent Soviet Discussions on Literature, Music and Painting" for January 24, 1949.

Subject continues to reside at 1283A 2nd Avenue with his wife LYDIA ARNAUTOFF. He maintains an art studio in 792 Montgomery Street and is employed part time as an art instructor at Stanford University.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was	SECURITY MATTER - R

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ARNAUTOFF's attendance at New Era Club, Communist Party meetings reported. Subject continues to hold position of President of Russian American Society and member of Board of Directors of American Russian Institute. Attended classes on Marxism-Leninism at California Labor School. ARNAUTOFF sponsored art sale for benefit of PW Newspaper. Results of mail cover set forth. Subject moved from 1283A 2nd Ave., San Francisco to 1007 Washington St., Colma, California on June 1, 1949. Subject continues to be employed as Art Instructor, Stanford University.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-47675
Report of SA PAUL C. FULLER dated 5/2/49 at San Francisco

DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

ACTIVITIES IN NEW ERA CLUB, COMMUNIST PARTY

Since the period of referenced report information has been received which reflects that ARNAUTOFF has attended the following meetings of the New Era Club, Communist Party from T-1, of known reliability:

On March 17, 1949 at the home of HELEN MILLER, 1235 Kirkham St.

On April 7, 1949 at the home of THOMAS HARDWICK, 1642 Larkin Street.

On April 21, 1949 at the home of NED HANCHETT, 278 Eureka St.

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On June 2, 1949 at the home of NED HANCHETT.

On June 19, 1949 at the home of THOMAS HARDWICK.

T-2, of known reliability, has advised that ARNAUTOFF attended the following meetings of the New Era Club:

On April 7, 1949 at the home of THOMAS HARDWICK, 1642 Larkin St.

On April 21, 1949 at the home of NED HANCHETT, 278 Eureka St.

T-15, of known reliability, observed ARNAUTOFF enter the residence of HELEN MILLER, 1235 Kirkham Street, on March 17, 1949.

Previous information had been obtained from T-1 indicating that a meeting of the New Era Club had been scheduled at that address on that date.

ACTIVITIES IN RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY

T-3, of known reliability, who is affiliated with the Russian American Society and who is a member of the Communist Party, advised that a faction of Communist Party members and followers control this society and the activities of the society which consist primarily of dissemination of propaganda on behalf of Russia.

The information set forth below concerning ARNAUTOFF's activities in the RAS was obtained from T-3.

On March 11, 1949, ARNAUTOFF presided over a meeting of the Executive Board of the RAS held at the Society's hall, 321 Divisadero Street. At this meeting subject read an article from the Soviet published newspaper "Pravda" concerning the expulsion of ANNA L. STRONG. ARNAUTOFF commented concerning the article that the enemies of the Soviet Union are "our enemies" and that STRONG should be regarded by all as such.

Subject attended an Executive Board meeting held April 8, 1949 at the RAS Hall. According to the source the entire meeting was devoted to the poor finances of the RAS. Subject mentioned at this meeting that he had received a letter from VOKS requesting to know what literature and material would be needed by the RAS for the year 1949.

He was in attendance at a meeting held April 10, 1949 at the home of GEORGE WILLIAMS, 221 Noe Street. At this meeting the problem of how to make the displaced persons entering San Francisco more progressive was discussed.

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ARNAUTOFF was chairman at a meeting held April 22, 1949 at 321 Divisadero Street. During the meeting subject introduced Attorney HERBERT RESNER who led a discussion on the new bills being introduced into the California State Legislature which would establish "thought control", "abolish all individual freedoms" and "close down all progressive organizations" in the State. ARNAUTOFF urged the members at the conclusion of RESNER's talk to write letters to the State Senators and Assemblymen requesting they vote against these measures.

HERBERT RESNER is associated with the law firm of Gladstein, Anderson, Resner & Sawyer. At the present time he is defending HARRY BRIDGES in the trial at San Francisco where BRIDGES has been charged with perjury for refusing to divulge the fact that he has been a member of the Communist Party. RESNER's membership in the Party has been verified by the following sources on the following dates:

T-4 on Sept. 18, 1945 and Feb. 21, 1946
T-5 on Sept. 18, 1943
T-6 on July, 1943

ARNAUTOFF was present at a meeting of the Executive Board held May 13, 1949 at 321 Divisadero and presided over a general membership meeting held May 20, 1949 at the same address.

ACTIVITIES IN THE AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE

The Attorney General has declared that the American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union, San Francisco is within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

T-7, of known reliability, advised that the official stationery of the ARI dated Feb. 24, 1949, reflects that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF is a member of the Board of Directors of that organization.

On June 10, 1949, T-10, of known reliability, reported that HOLLAND ROBERTS made arrangements to meet with ARNAUTOFF and MIKHAIL SHAPAVOLOV to set up a calendar for the ARI, for use in observing important dates and events during 1949. Subject pointed out to ROBERTS that he had discussed the calendar with ROSE ISAAK, who did not seem to be enthusiastic. ROBERTS advised T-10

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that ISAAK is the type of person who will not assist in any matter in which she is not the originator. Subject and ROBERTS agreed that they should go ahead with the calendar and completely ignore ISAAK for the good of the institute.

T-11, of known reliability, consistently advised during 1948 and 1949 that HERBERT RESNER was President of the ARI. T-10 reported on numerous occasions during 1948 and 1949 that HOLLAND ROBERTS is Educational Director of the California Labor School. The Attorney General has declared that the California Labor School of San Francisco is within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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MIKHAIL SHAPAVOLOV, according to Immigration & Naturalization records, was born in Russia and became a United States citizen in 1917, and until he resigned in 1944 he had been Senior Plant Pathologist, U.S. Department of Agriculture, for many years.

T-7 advised in February, 1949 that SHAPAVOLOV is a member of the Board of Directors of the ARI.

The October 23, 1944 issue of the Palo Alto Times, a daily newspaper, reflects that SHAPAVOLOV was Chairman of the Palo Alto Chapter of American Soviet Friendship.

T-12, of known reliability, [redacted]

T-11, of known reliability, has reported on numerous occasions during 1949 that ROSE ISAAK is secretary of the ARI and member of its Board of Directors.

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T-8, of known reliability, advised that ARNAUTOFF attended a class in modern art and literature at the California Labor School on May 9, 1949. The California Labor School has been identified elsewhere in this report.

T-1 related that ARNAUTOFF was observed at the California Labor School on May 3, 1949, at a time when the Marxist-Leninist Institute was in session. This same source related that subject attended a Peace Dinner held at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco the night of March 8, 1949. The source explained that as far as the general public was concerned this dinner was not sponsored by any organization, but was the outgrowth of the speech given several months earlier by the Dean of Canterbury. However, it is the opinion

of T-1 that the Professional Section of the San Francisco County Communist Party was actually the sponsor, and that the members of the various clubs of the Professional Section submitted the invitations to the dinner. The principal speaker at the dinner was Dr. FRITCHMAN, a Unitarian Clergyman from Los Angeles.

The Daily People's World Newspaper dated May 31, 1949 contains an article entitled "Around the Galleries" by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF. The article is of a general informative nature and is concerned with the art show being exhibited at the Palace of the Legion of Honor.

T-9, of known reliability, who is a member of the Communist Party, has reported that the Daily People's World is staffed by members of the Party; that the editorial policy of the paper is dictated by Party functionaries; and that it is supported financially by the Communist Party members.

The June 17, 1949 issue of this newspaper contains the announcement that on June 25, 1949, an art sale would be held by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF at his studio, 730 Montgomery Street, San Francisco. This announcement indicates that the proceeds of the sale would go to the People's World Newspaper.

The June 22, 1949 issue of the People's World also carries an announcement concerning subject's art sale to be held June 25, 1949.

The records of the U.S. Post Office, San Francisco, reflect that VICTOR M. and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF submitted a change of address from 1283A 2nd Avenut to 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California on June 1, 1949.

T-14, of known reliability, advised that LYDIA and VICTOR ARNAUTOFF received mail from the following on the dates listed below:

TO	FROM	POSTMARK
VICTOR ARNAUTOFF 1283A 2nd Ave.	Calif. Labor School 240 Golden Gate Ave.	4/23/49
LYDIA ARNAUTOFF 1283A 2nd Ave.	Calif. Labor School 240 Golden Gate Ave.	4/27/49
VICTOR ARNAUTOFF 730 Montgomery St.	San Francisco Museum of Art, Veterans Bldg., Civic Center, San Francisco	5/2/49

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730 Montgomery Street is the address of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF's art studio.

VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF 1283A 2nd Ave.	Artists Equity Assoc. 767 Lexington Ave. New York City	5/2/49
Mrs. LYDIA ARNAUTOFF	Mrs. INEZ G. RICHARDSON c/o Hoover Institute & Library Stanford University Palo Alto, Calif.	5/7/49
Professor & Mrs. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, 1283A 2nd Ave.	740 Creek Drive Menlo Park, Calif.	5/9/49
VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF 1283A 2nd Ave.	RUSSKY GOLOS 130 East 16th St.	5/10/49
Mrs. L. Y. ARNAUTOFF 1283A 2nd Ave.	740 Creek Drive Menlo Park	5/14/49

In February, 1943 Special Agent LOUIS D. WINE learned that INEZ G. RICHARDSON is curator of the Ray Lyman Wilbur Collection of Documents of Social Problems, Hoover War Library, Stanford University, Palo Alto.

RUSSKY GOLOS is a Russian language newspaper published in New York City.

The address 740 Creek Drive, Menlo Park, is the resident of MIKHAIL SHAPAVOLOV. This individual has been identified elsewhere in this report.

MRS. VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF

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Will continue to follow and report subject's activities as received from confidential informants and sources of information.

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T-7 - Mr. EDWIN A. HOGAN, Dean of the University of San Francisco Law School, who requested that his identity be kept confidential

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T-13 -
T-14 - Office of the Assistant Postmaster, San Francisco

T-15 - Special Agents DONALD KENNEDY and FREDERICK YORK who conducted a physical surveillance of the meeting of the New Era Club, CP held 3/17/49 at 1235 Kirkham Street.

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SAN FRANCISCO	10/28/49	10/17,18/49	PAUL C. FULLER gd

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was	INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ARNAUTOFF'S activities in Russian American Society, New Era Club, Communist Party, and American Russian Institute set forth. Subject delegate to American Continental Congress For World Peace held in Mexico City, September 5, through September 10, 1949. On September 16, 1949, subject was in contact with YURI NOVIKOFF, Soviet Embassy Attache.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 100-47675
Report of SA PAUL C. FULLER, dated 7/28/49, at San Francisco
Bureau letter, dated September 26, 1949

DETAILS:

ACTIVITIES IN THE RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY (RAS)

San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, who is affiliated with the RAS and who is a member of the Communist Party, has advised that a faction of CP members and followers controlled the Society and its activities which constitute primarily of the dissemination of propaganda on behalf of Russia.

T-1 learned that ARNAUTOFF was chairman of an RAS meeting held 7/22/49 at the RAS Hall, 321 Divisadero Street.

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T-1 related that ARNAUTOFF was present at an RAS Executive Board meeting held 7/29/49 at 321 Divisadero. At this meeting, according to T-1, ARNAUTOFF recommended that the $26 profit obtained from the "Press Night" affair be given to the Daily People's World newspaper.

San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, who is a member of the CP, has advised that the Daily People's World newspaper is staffed by members of the CP; that the editorial policy of the paper is dictated by party functionaries and that the paper is primarily supported by members of the CP through annual subscriptions and financial drives.

ARNAUTOFF was present as chairman at RAS meetings held on July 8, 1949; August 5, 1949; September 19, 1949; at 321 Divisadero Street, according to T-1.

NEW ERA CLUB, COMMUNIST PARTY

Information received from San Francisco T-3, of known reliability, reflects that ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the New Era Club, CP, at 1235 Kirkham Street, San Francisco, on 7/21/49.

THE AMERICAN CONTINENTAL CONGRESS FOR WORLD PEACE

On August 22, 1949, San Francisco T-4, of known reliability, advised that the San Francisco Office of the American Continental Congress for World Peace was headed by HOLLAND ROBERTS. San Francisco T-5 and San Francisco T-6, of known reliability, have constantly, during 1948 and 1949, reported HOLLAND ROBERTS as being president of the American Russian Institute and Educational Director of the California Labor School. On 2/5/48, T-1 observed ROBERTS at the CP Headquarters, San Francisco. On 8/6/48, T-6 advised that ROBERTS was in contact with CELESTE STRACK, State Educational Director of the Communist Party of California.

The Attorney General has declared that the American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations With The Soviet Union and the California Labor School come within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

San Francisco T-7, of known reliability, learned on August 26, 1949, that the Executive Board of the American Russian Institute was considering sending ARNAUTOFF as a delegate to the "Peace Conference" to be held in Mexico City September 5, through September 10, 1949.

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At a meeting of the Russian American Society, according to T-1, which was held September 21, 1949, it was announced that ARNAUTOFF had been designated as a delegate to the Mexico City Peace Congress from the RAS and the ARI.

An article appearin[illegible] the September 8, 1949 issue of Novaya Zarya, Russian language newspape[illegible] San Francisco, reflects that artists VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF and w[illegible] among the delegates from San Francisco attending the Ameri[illegible] ongress for Peace Convention which opened in Mexico City on [illegible] 1949.

The September 29, 1949, issue of the People's World newspaper contains an article advertising a meeting to be held October 1, 1949, at the Russian American Society Hall, 321 Divisadero Street. According to the article VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, delegates to the Peace Congress in Mexico City, would be the principal speakers.

According to T-1, at the RAS Executive Board meeting held September 19, 1949, at 321 Divisadero Street, ARNAUTOFF made a brief report on his attendance at the Mexico City Peace Congress. He related that the Congress was an inspiring experience and all delegates left Mexico City determined to continue the fight for peace. He was of the opinion that the people of Mexico City were extremely sympathetic to the Communists. ARNAUTOFF read a number of resolutions passed by the Congress and according to T-1, these resolutions were "the regular Communistic resolutions about peace, imperialism, war, oppression of minorities and so forth". It was announced in this meeting that numerous meetings were being planned throughout San Francisco for ARNAUTOFF and other delegates to lecture on the results of the Congress.

AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION (ARI)

T-7 advised that Mr. and Mrs. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the ARI Board of Directors held at 101 Post Street, San Francisco, on 9/17/49. The ARI has been identified elsewhere in this report.

MISCELLANEOUS

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At 3:58 PM on 9/16/49, according to San Francisco T-8 and San Francisco T-9, of known reliability, NOVIKOV and ARNAUTOFF left 101 Post Street and walked to the Plaza Hotel at Post and Stockton Streets. At 4:08 PM NOVIKOV and ARNAUTOFF left the Plaza Hotel and walked to an automobile parking lot located on Pine Street, between Grant Avenue and Kearny Street where they obtained ARNAUTOFF'S automobile. In ARNAUTOFF'S automobile they drove directly to 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, which is the residence of VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF.

At 7:28 PM on 19/16/49, NOVIKOV with VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and LYDIA, left the ARNAUTOFF residence and drove to Post Street and Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, where NOVIKOV left the automobile and walked directly to the Plaza Hotel.

On 9/23/49, San Francisco T-10, of known reliability, made available a copy of a petition circulated among the Stanford University faculty members protesting the trial of the "12". The name VICTOR ARNAUTOFF appeared with those faculty members who signed the petition.

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T-7 advised on 9/16/49 that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had closed his art studio at 730 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, about August 1, 1949.

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SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: November 28, 1949

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was
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Re report of SA PAUL C. FULLER, dated 10/28/49 at San Francisco. The "character of case" in this report should have been reflected to be "INTERNAL SECURITY - C", as per instructions in Bureau letter dated 9/26/49, captioned as above.

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SAN FRANCISCO	12/27/49	12/1,19,20/49	PAUL C. FULLER pjc

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ARNAUTOFF elected Chairman, New Era Club, Communist Party. Continues to be President of Russian American Society and member of Executive Board of American Russian Institute. ARNAUTOFF consented to teach art class at California Labor School during coming semester. Continues to reside with wife, LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. Employed as art instructor, Stanford University.

Mrs. Victor Michael Arnautoff

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REFERENCE: Bufile 100-47675
Report of SA PAUL C. FULLER dated 10/28/49 at San Francisco

DETAILS: ACTIVITIES IN NEW ERA CLUB, COMMUNIST PARTY

According to San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the New Era Club, Communist Party, at the home of NED HANCHETT, 278 Eureka Street, San Francisco, on October 12, 1949. The educational phase of the meeting, as reported by T-1, was given by ARNAUTOFF, who reviewed the last chapter of the book "Twilight of Capitalism."

On October 17, 1949, T-1 advised that ARNAUTOFF, using the initials "A.V.E.," paid dues to the New Era Club, Communist Party, every month during 1949, January through September.

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T-1 also reported that ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the Executive Board of the New Era Club held November 2, 1949, at the home of IRENE MILLER, 602 Broderick Street, San Francisco.

T-1 advised on November 3, 1949, that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had been elected Chairman of the New Era Club to replace THOMAS HARDWICK.

ACTIVITIES IN THE RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY (RAS)

San Francisco T-3, of known reliability, who is affiliated with the Russian American Society and who is a member of the Communist Party, has advised that a faction of Communist Party members and followers control the Society and its activities, which constitute primarily the dissemination of propaganda on behalf of Russia.

In July, 1949, San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, furnished photographs of individuals in attendance at an unidentified meeting or party. These photographs were displayed to T-3 on November 2, 1949, who advised that they were taken at the farewell party given October 2, 1948, in honor of the departing officials of the Russian Consulate in San Francisco. Among those identified in the photographs by T-3 are VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, Consul General and Mrs. KONSTANTIN EFREMOV, and Vice Consul VICTOR AFANASIEV.

On October 18, 1949, San Francisco T-4, of known reliability, learned that, according to ARNAUTOFF, the RAS was having financial difficulties and he had hopes of getting another organization to use the RAS Hall, 321 Divisadero Street.

On October 27, 1949, according to San Francisco T-5, of known reliability, HOLLAND ROBERTS recommended to ARNAUTOFF that the RAS attempt to obtain JESSICA SMITH for the RAS celebration to be held November 12, 1949, in honor of the Soviet anniversary. ROBERTS described SMITH as editor of the magazine "Soviet Russia Today" and advised that she was scheduled to speak in Los Angeles on November 6. ROBERTS explained that SMITH recently returned from an extensive trip through the Soviet Union and had many interesting experiences to relate.

T-5 advised on numerous occasions during 1949 that HOLLAND ROBERTS is President of the American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union and Executive Director of the California Labor School of San Francisco. The latter two organizations will be identified elsewhere in this report.

T-3 reported that ARNAUTOFF was present at a meeting of the Executive Board of the RAS held October 29, 1949, at 321 Divisadero Street. At this meeting ARNAUTOFF announced that in addition to GEORGE LOHR, the main speaker at the celebration of the Soviet anniversary to be held November 12, 1949, he had hopes of getting JESSICA SMITH, editor of "Soviet Russia Today."

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San Francisco T-6, of known reliability, has advised that GEORGE LOHR is State Committee member of the Communist Party and is employed by the Daily People's World Newspaper in San Francisco.

The Joint Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities in California in its Fourth Report, 1948, cited the Daily People's World as a Communist paper.

T-5 reported on November 1, 1949, that ARNAUTOFF had sent an urgent request to JESSICA SMITH in New York City regarding the November 12, 1949, RAS celebration. However, he had not as yet received a reply. Also on this date San Francisco T-7, of known reliability, advised that ARNAUTOFF had invited GEORGE LOHR to speak at this celebration on the subject of "The Contribution of the Soviet Union to Peace."

On November 4, 1949, ARNAUTOFF indicated to T-5 that it did not appear as if the RAS would be able to get JESSICA SMITH for the November 12 celebration.

ACTIVITIES IN THE CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL (CLS)

The Attorney General has declared that the California Labor School comes within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

San Francisco T-8, of known reliability, made available an announcement captioned "Artists' Carnival to be Held October 29, 1949, at the California Labor School, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco." Among those listed as costume jurors on this announcement appears the name VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

On November 15, 1949, according to T-4, LILLI ANN KILLEN, Art Instructor, CLS, inquired if ARNAUTOFF would be able to teach a class on "Technique of Oil Painting" at the CLS during the coming semester. ARNAUTOFF indicated that he would be willing to do so and would be free to teach the class every Wednesday evening.

ACTIVITIES IN THE AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION (ARI)

The Attorney General has declared that the American Russian Institute comes within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

According to San Francisco T-9, of known reliability, ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the ARI held in the ARI Offices, 101 Post Street, San Francisco, on October 6, 1949. At this meeting HOLLAND

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ROBERTS, previously identified, explained that ARNAUTOFF had been appointed to ascertain the important USSR events which should be celebrated by the ARI, that is the important State anniversary events, individual Soviet city celebrations, and any other important event. ROBERTS explained that it was important that the ARI take heed of the more important events that occur in the USSR and at the same time the people of the Soviet Union should be advised of what is being accomplished by the ARI. ROBERTS proposed that a report on this made by ARNAUTOFF be the first point of business on the agenda at the next committee meeting.

T-9 learned that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the ARI held at the Institute Offices, 101 Post Street, on October 20, 1949.

MISCELLANEOUS

San Francisco T-10, of known reliability, advised that ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the All Slavic Council of Northern California, held October 13, 1949, at the Yugoslav Sokol Hall, 580 Eddy Street, San Francisco. This meeting was held for the purpose of raising funds for the defense of BABIN and PIRINSKY in collaboration with the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born. According to T-10, ARNAUTOFF contributed $25 to the above defense fund.

THOMAS BABIN and GEORGE PIRINSKY are presently under deportation by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The Attorney General has declared that the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born comes within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835.

San Francisco T-11, of known reliability, former member of the All Slavic Council of Northern California, has described this organization as being completely dominated by the Communist Party.

San Francisco T-12, of known reliability, advised that ARNAUTOFF visited at the home of ISAAC FOLKOFF, 112 Havelock Street, San Francisco, on November 28, 1949. T-12 was unable to determine the purpose of this visit.

FOLKOFF has been identified by San Francisco T-14 and T-15, of known reliability, as a member of the Communist Party of San Francisco, active in raising funds for the Party.

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Information received from San Francisco T-16, of known reliability, strongly indicates that FOLKOFF has in the past been active in Soviet Intelligence activities.

San Francisco T-13, of known reliability, advised on November 22, 1949, that ARNAUTOFF and his wife, LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, continue to reside at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, telephone number JUniper 4-9199.

The 1949-1950 Stanford University Directory reflects that ARNAUTOFF is an instructor in graphic arts at the University.

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On December 1, 1949, a thirty day mail cover was placed on all mail directed to the residence of ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

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At San Francisco, California

Will continue to follow and report subject's pro-Russian and Communist activities as received from confidential informants and sources of information.

Will report the results of a mail cover placed on subject's residence. This cover was placed December 1, 1949, to be effective for thirty days.

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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 22, 1950

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was
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(BuFile 100-47675)

Rerep SA PAUL C. FULLER dated 2-22-50 at San Francisco.

A cover placed on all mail directed to the residence of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, reflects that on 12-21-49, he received correspondence from 409 - 40th Avenue West, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and on 12-28-49, he received correspondence from Post Office Box 252, Barbados, British West Indies.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ARNAUTOFF continues to be active in New Era Club, Communist Party, Russian American Society, American Russian Institute, and California Labor School.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-47675
Report of SA PAUL C. FULLER dated 12-27-49 at San Francisco.

DETAILS: ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY

SF T-1, of known reliability, advised that ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at the meeting of the New Era Club, Communist Party, held November 10, 1949 at the home of PEGGY PATTON, 23 Porter Street, San Francisco, California. T-1 related that ARNAUTOFF attended a New Era Club Executive Board meeting held November 16, 1949 at the home of IRENE MILLER, 602 Broderick Street, San Francisco. On December 1, 1949, ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the New Era Club held at the home of SHIRLEY KELLER, 2785 Green Street, according to T-1. Subject, during this meeting, conducted the 1950 Party Registration for the Club.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Special Agent in Charge: Harry M. Kimball Jr. for Jan.

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T-1 advised that ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the New Era Club on December 8, 1949 at thehome of NED HANCHETT, 278 Eureka Street, San Francisco. At this meeting, ARNAUTOFF reported that the Daily People's World subscription drive would start in January and extend through April. Also at that meeting, he advised that he was making arrangements for additional Party Registration for the club.

According to T-1, ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at a meeting of the Executive Board of the New Era Club, Communist Party, held 1-3-50 at the home of NED HANCHETT. The purpose of this meeting was to form a slate for the election of officers for the club for 1950. T-1 noted that ARNAUTOFF was nominated for the position of chairman of the club.

SF T-2, of known reliability, advised that ARNAUTOFF attended a mass meeting of the San Francisco County Communist Party held 11-25-49 at Druids Hall, 49 Page Street. The speakers at this meeting, according to T-2, were OLETA O'CONNOR YATES, San Francisco County CP Chairman; LEON KAPLAN, Trade Union Director, San Francisco County CP, and WILLIAM TAYLOR, Chairman, Minorities Committee, Los Angeles County CP.

On September 22, 1949, San Francisco T-3, of known reliability, advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF of 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, is a subscriber to the Daily People's World Newspaper.

The Joint Fact-Finding Committee on UnAmerican Activities in California in its fourth report, 1948, cited the Daily People's World newspaper as a Communist-controlled newspaper.

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RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY (R.A.S.)

SF T-2, who is affiliated with the Russian American Society and who is a member of the Communist Party, has advised that a faction of Communist Party members and followers control this society and its activities, which consist primarily in the dissemination of propaganda on behalf of Russia.

T-2 related that on 1-23-50, ARNAUTOFF was reelected president of the R.A.S. According to T-2, ARNAUTOFF attended meetings of the R.A.S. on the dates set forth below:

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DATE	PLACE
November 12, 1949	R.A.S. Hall, 321 Divisadero Street. This meeting was in the form of a celebration of the 32nd Anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union.
November 18, 1949	R.A.S. Hall
November 20, 1949	R.A.S. Hall
December 2, 1949	R.A.S. Hall
January 6, 1950	R.A.S. Hall At this meeting, ARNAUTOFF read New Years congratulations received from VOKS in Moscowin reply to the greetings previously sent by the R.A.S.
January 20, 1950	R.A.S. Hall

MISCELLANEOUS

SF T-5, of known reliability, learned that ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at an American Russian Institute Executive Committee meeting held December 15, 1949 in the A.R.I. Offices, 101 Post Street, San Francisco. In January 1950, SF T-6, of known reliability, advised that recent stationery emanating from the Office of the A.R.I., reflects that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF is a member of the board of directors.

The American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835.

SF T-7, of known reliability, advised that ARNAUTOFF spoke at the California Labor School Open House held at 240 Golden Gate Avenue on 1-7-50. The California Labor School has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835.

SF T-8, of known reliability, has advised that ARNAUTOFF was contacted by individuals residing at the following addresses on the dates set forth below:

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DATE	ADDRESS
December 8, 1949	220 Fair Oaks Drive, San Francisco, California. The November 1949 reverse telephone directory reflects that LEO EDWARD CHRISTIANSEN resides at 220 Fair Oaks Drive. SF T-9, of known reliability, has advised that CHRISTIANSEN is employed as a bookkeeper by the California Labor School and also is director of the Labor School chorus. T-9 also advised that L.E. CHRISTIANSEN is a member of the Central Mission Branch, Communist Party, and that he regularly attended meetings of that branch during 1949.
December 8, 1949	101 Masonic Street, San Francisco, California. The January 1950 telephone directory reflects that JAMES A. WALLACE resides at 101 Masonic Street. JAMES ALEX WALLACE, according to SF T-10, of known reliability, was a member of the American Russian Institute in 1948. T-10 also advised that WALLACE was invited to attend a special preview of two Russian films under the auspices of the A.R.I. held at the Soviet Consulate, 2563 Divisadero Street, San Francisco on 4-22-48.
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December 19, 1949	E. LASTOCHKIN, 205 Divisadero Street, San Francisco. The 1949 City Directory reflects that EFIM LASTOCHKIN resides at 205 Divisadero Street. T-2 advised in June 1949 that EFIM LASTOCHKIN has been a member of the Russian American Society at least since 1943 and was a member of the R.A.S. Executive Board in 1944, '45, '46, '47, and 1948.

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SF T-12, of known reliability, advised on August 26, 1948, that LASTOCHKIN was elected as a delegate to attend the American Slav Congress Convention in Chicago in September 1948. He was elected by the All Slavic Council of Northern California.

The Attorney General has advised that the American Slav Congress comes within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835.

December 19, 1949

652 Chetwood Street, Oakland, California.

The November 1949 reverse telephone directory reflects that GEORGE BRATOFF resides at 652 Chetwood Street, Oakland, California.

T-2 has advised that BRATOFF has been an active member of the Russian American Society at least since 1944. SF T-13, of known reliability, has advised that BRATOFF is a member of the 16th Assembly, District Branch of the Communist Party of Alameda County, California.

December 20, 1949

_____ GREEN, 648 Bellevue, Daly City, California.

The January 1950 reverse telephone direcoty reflects that 648 Bellevue Street, Daly City, is the residence of LOUIS GREEN.

SF T-14, of known reliability, advised on 3-29-46, that LOUIS GREEN was a member of the South of Sutter Branch of the Communist Party. On August 8, 1946, SF T-15, of known reliability, advised that GREEN had been transferred to the Fillmore Club of the Communist Party in San Francisco.

December 20, 1949

1010 Fell Street, San Francisco, California.

The January 1950 San Francisco telephone directory reflects that IDA ROTHSTEIN resides at 1010 Fell Street.

SF T-16, of known reliability, has advised that IDA ROTHSTEIN, aka IDA ROTH, was elected organizational secretary for the CIO Section, Communist Party, San Francisco, on September 11, 1948. The

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November 28, 1949 issue of the Daily People's World newspaper contains an article which indicates that MRS. ROTHSTEIN was appointed director for the San Francisco Civil Rights Congress. The Attorney General has declared that the Civil Rights Congress comes within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835.

December 21, 1950

_____ KOZY, 2100 Post Street, San Francisco.

The January 1950 telephone directory reflects that NICHOLAS KOZY resides at 2100 Post Street.

T-2 has advised that NICHOLAS KOZY regularly attended meetings of the Russian American Society during 1949. T-2 learned on November 17, 1949 that NICOLAI KOZY of 2100 Post Street, was willing to join the Metal Trades Branch of the Communist Party.

December 21, 1949

2070 - 46th Avenue, San Francisco, California.

The January 1950 Reverse Telephone Directory indicates that ANNIE JURGENSON resides at 2070 - 46th Avenue. T-2 has advised that ANNIE JURGENSON has been active as a member of the Russian American Society since at least 1943.

SF T-17, of known reliability, has reported that JURGENSON maintained cordial relations with the San Francisco Soviet Consulate Staff from 1943 until the Consulate closed September 1948.

December 21, 1949

2912 Newbury Street, Berkeley, California.

The January 1950 reverse telephone directory reflects that ZENA KAVIN resides at 2912 Newbury Street, Berkeley, California. The Art Commission of the City and County of San Francisco announced an outdoor art show to be held May 29,30, and 31, 1948 at Union Square, San Francisco. Among the names appearing in the announcement as representatives of the California Labor School at the show, is the name ZENA KAVIN.

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December 22, 1950

3667 - 18th Street, San Francisco, California.

The January 1950 reverse telephone directory reflects that JOHN ORLOFF resides at 3667 - 18th Street. On June 10, 1949, JOHN ORLOFF advised SA'S JOHN KERLER and EDWARD DORNLAS, JR. that he was a delegate to the Third American Slav Congress Convention held in New York City in 1946, and also was a delegate to the Fourth American Slav Congress held in Chicago in 1948. ORLOFF also advised that he has been a member of the Russian American Society since 1941 and was treasurer of the society in 1942, '43, and 1944. At the present time, he is a member of the Executive Board. The American Slav Congress has been identified elsewhere inthis report.

December 22, 1949

_____ PATTEN, 23 Porter Street, San Francisco.

The January 1950 reverse telephone directory, reflects that 23 Porter Street is the residence of BEVERLY MIKE PATTEN (JACK).

T-1 advised in December 1946 that JACK PATTEN was issued Communist Party membership card number 52103, on 11-29-46. T-1 also advised that PATTEN regularly attends meetings of the New Era Club, Professional Section, San Francisco County Communist Party, and has done so since October 1946.

December 29, 1949

_____ ELOESSER, 490 Post Street, San Francisco.

The building directory at 490 Post Street indicates that Dr. LEO ELOESSER has offices in that building.

SF T-18, of known reliability, advised that Dr. ELOESSER in April 1939, was a member of the Veterans of the Spanish International Brigade. An article appearing in the July 28, 1938 issue of the Daily People's World newspaper reflects that Dr. ELOESSER had just returned from Spain where he had been serving in the medical corps of the Loyalist Army. An article appearing in the 8-3-45 issue of the San Francisco News reflects in part that during 1936, Dr. ELOESSER toured the world and stopped off for

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three months to practice in Moscow's First University, where he learned of the Soviet application of industrial hygiene and medicine.

The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

December 29, 1949

104 Ord Street, San Francisco, California.

The January 1950 reverse telephone directory reflects that 104 Ord Street is the address of ADAM LAPIN.

The masthead of the February 1, 1950 issue of the Daily People's World newspaper, as well as previous issues of the newspaper for 1949 and 1950, list ADAM LAPIN as Associate Editor of the Daily People's World. According to the Joint Fact-Finding Committee on UnAmerican Activities in the State of California, 1948 Report, the Daily People's World newspaper is th official west ocast organ for the Communist Party.

SF T-19, of known reliability, advised on 12-13-49 that ADAM LAPIN is a member of the Communist Party. T-19 also advised that during the months of November and December 1949, LAPIN was in charge of the Marxist Institute held in Oakland, California.

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The files of the San Francisco Office failed to contain any information which can be identified with the individuals whose name and addresses are set forth below:

According to T-8, these persons were in contact with VICTOR ARNAUTOFF on the following dates:

December 7, 1949	MRS. T. R. GEDDES, 431 Font Blvd., San Francisco.
December 16, 1949	E. VIGIL, 925 East 14th Street, Oakland, California.
December 18, 1949	MR. L. E. PETERS, 1610 Sutter Street, San Francisco.
December 18, 1949	J. J. ALMERICO, 878 -32nd Avenue, San Francisco.
December 21, 1949	715 - 43rd Avenue, San Francisco, California. The January 1950 reverse telephone directory reflects that this is the address of RUDOLPH FREDEN.
December 21, 1949	389 Wellington Avenue, Daly City, California. The January 1950 reverse telephone directory reflects that this is the address of STEPHEN WARD.
December 21, 1949 failure	409 - 40th Avenue, West, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
December 22, 1949	551 - 40th Avenue, San Francisco, California. The January 1950 reverse telephone directory indicated that this is the address of L. H. BARKER.
December 23, 1949	1327 Steiner Street, San Francisco, California. The January 1950 reverse telephone directory reflects that this is the address of ALICIA WILLIAMS.
December 24, 1949	99 Arleta Avenue, San Francisco, California. The January 1950 reverse telephone directory reflects that this is the address of WINIFRED WOELKER.

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December 28, 1949 Post Office Box 252, Barbados, British West Indies.

SF T-20, of known reliability, advised on 2-14-50, that VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF opened a joint savings account at the Day & Night Branch of the Bank of America, San Francisco, on 2-6-34, account number A7154. The initial deposit in this account was $90.54. On August 4, 1947, the balance in the account was $207.33. On August 5, 1947, $200 was withdrawn leaving a balance of $7.33. There has been no activity of this account since August 5, 1947.

T-20 also advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF has a commercial account at the Day & Night Branch of the Bank of America. The balance in this account as of December 27, 1949 was $887.63. On January 3, 1950, a deposit in the amount of $245.08 was made. During the period between December 27, 1949 and January 25, 1950, 32 checks were drawn, the largest of which was $200. drawn on December 28, 1949. The balance of this account as of January 25, 1950 was $360.80.

The following background information concerning ARNAUTOFF was taken from the application for savings account form filed with the Bank of America:

FORMER RESIDENCES:	47 White Street and 547 - 37th Ave., both San Francisco, California.
BORN	In Russia
OCCUPATION	Artist-painter
FATHER	MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF
MOTHER	ADELEIDA KRAVZOFF
WIFE'S FATHER	BAZEL BLONSKY
WIFE'S MOTHER	MARIA BLONSKY

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Mr. D. L. LAMBERT, Inspector in Charge, Post Office Department, San Francisco.

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A cover was placed with the Assistant Postmaster's Office, San Francisco, California, on all mail directed to the ARNAUTOFF residence, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, for the period from 12-5-49 to 1-5-50.

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Mr. STEVE MUSANTI, Chief Clerk's Office, Day & Night Branch, Bank of America, No. 1 Powell Street, San Francisco, California.

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May 10, 1950

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, with aliases
Victor Mikhail Arnautoff, Victor Arnautov
Victor Michael Arnautoff

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It will be appreciated if you will have inquiries made to determine the name of the user of Post Office Box 252, Barbados, British West Indies, and whether the user of that Post Office Box is associated in any way with the Communist movement.

cc - Legal Attache
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Victor Michael ARNAUTOFF, was.

Reference is made to your memorandum 7748 dated May 10, 1950 in which you ask that enquiries be made to ascertain the name of the user of Post Office Box 252, Barbados, B.W.I.

We have heard from our representative in Trinidad that this box number is registered in the name of T.G. LASHLEY, now deceased. The results of further enquiries are awaited and you will be informed as soon as they become available.

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A confidential British source has advised that Post Office Box 252, Barbados, British West Indies, is registered under the name of T. G. Lashley who is now deceased. He was formerly a merchant in Bridgetown, Barbados. The business is now carried on by Lashley's two sons, Aubrey and Sydney Lashley. Sydney is reported to have served in the Canadian Army during the second World War as a radio operator. The informant advised that John Wise, a brother-in-law of the Lashleys, is also engaged in the business. Wise is reported to be a citizen of the United States. The informant also advised that there is no evidence of Communist associations on the part of the Lashley family.

On the basis of information available, no identifiable references can be found in the Bureau files for Aubrey and Sydney Lashley or John Wise.

The confidential British source did not furnish any additional data concerning the individuals mentioned.

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Victor Michael ARNAUTOFF, was.

Reference is made to your memorandum 7748 dated May 10, 1950 and further to our memorandum S/0188 dated May 19, 1950.

Our representative in Trinidad has informed us that enquiries have shown that LASHLEY was a merchant in Bridgetown, Barbados, who is now dead. The business is now carried on by LASHLEY's two sons Aubrey and Sydney. Sydney LASHLEY served in the Canadian army during the second World War as a radio operator. Also employed in the business is a brother-in-law John WISE, a United States citizen.

We are advised that there is no evidence of Communist associations on the part of the LASHLEY family.

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~~100-344826-43 p 27,~~	CI
~~100-330525-1,~~	NI
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~~100-158-3,~~	NI
~~65-14454,~~	NI
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SAC, San Francisco

August 1, 1950

Director, FBI

VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
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There is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter dated June 21, 1950, recently received at the Bureau from the Liaison Office, Ottawa, Canada, identifying the occupant of 409 - 40th Avenue West, Calgary Alberta, Canada, from which address subject received mail on December 21, 1949.

On the basis of information available, no identifiable reference to Glenn H. Bowes can be found in the Bureau files.

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Enclosure

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Liaison Office, Ottawa, Canada
June 21, 1950.

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Nichols
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Mr. Tracy
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
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Mr. Nease
Mr. Gandy

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Director, FBI

Re: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
Victor Mikhail Arnautoff,
Victor Arnaootov,
Victor Michail Arnautoff
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

G.I.R. 1

Dear Sir:

Rebulet May 10, 1950, requesting that an effort be made to determine the identity of the occupant of 409 - 40th Avenue West, Calgary, Alberta, from which the subject had received mail, and also requesting any information of interest concerning this addresser if identified.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) [redacted] advised that the address 409 40th Avenue West, Calgary, Alberta, is occupied by Mr. Glenn H. Bowes, Exploration Manager of the Hudson Bay Oil and Gas Company of Calgary. Mr. Bowes travels extensively throughout Alberta as his firm has considerable holdings in that province. [redacted] that Bowes has only been a resident in Canada for approximately two years, formerly residing at Los Angeles, California, so it appears possible that he and Arnautoff knew each other in that state, although no information to this effect was developed.

Copy detached & forwarded to SF 8-1-50 PLC

[redacted]

It is believed the Bureau may desire to endeavour to obtain information concerning the background and past activities of Glenn H. Bowes at Los Angeles, California,

[redacted]

Very truly yours,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT SAN FRANCISCO FILE NO. 100-6359

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
SAN FRANCISCO	11-28-50	11-16,17, 18,20-50	PAUL C. FULLER js

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ARNAUTOFF continues activities as President of Russian-American Society and Executive Board member of American Russian Institute. He regularly attends meetings of Teachers' Group, New Era Branch, Professional Section, Communist Party. Subject resides 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, employed as instructor, Graphic Arts Department, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

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DETAILS:

RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY (RAS)

San Francisco T-1, of known reliability, who is affiliated with the RAS and who is a member of the Communist Party, has advised that a faction of Communist Party members and followers controlled the Society and its activities, which consists primarily in the dissemination of propaganda on behalf of Russia.

SF T-1 related that ARNAUTOFF acted as chairman of RAS meetings held on the dates set forth below:

DATE	PLACE
2-4-50	RAS HALL, 321 Divisadero Street

This meeting was held in the memory of LENIN.

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2-12-50 RAS Hall

2-25-50 RAS Hall

This meeting was held to celebrate GEORGE WASHINGTON's Birthday and the Soviet Red Army Anniversary. ARNAUTOFF was one of the principal speakers at the meeting.

3-13-50 RAS Hall

3-26-50 RAS Hall

At this meeting ARNAUTOFF announced that "VOKS" had sent reproductions of paintings of the famous Russian painter SURIKOFF. It was decided that these paintings would be displayed at the RAS Hall on April 23, 1950.

4-17-50 RAS Hall

5-20-50 RAS Hall

This meeting was held to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Soviet victory over Germany.

5-26-50 RAS Hall

6-1-50 RAS Hall

6-17-50 RAS Hall

This meeting was held to celebrate the ninth anniversary of the RAS. ARNAUTOFF, in opening the meeting, urged all present to sign the Stockholm Peace Pledge and to make all possible efforts to obtain other signatures.

6-23-50 14 Broderick Street

This was a joint meeting of the RAS and the officers of the IWO Lodges. The meeting was presided over by LEO BAROWAY who acted as Communist Party representative in charge of language groups. SF T-2, of known reliability, advised on November 6, 1950, that LEO BAROWAY is Circulation Manager of the San Francisco-published Daily People's World Newspaper. San Francisco T-3, of known reliability, has advised that the Daily People's World is completely controlled and dominated by the Communist Party.

* Leo Baroway (Leo Barowy) International Pamphlets (Sample, card)

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7-7-50	RAS Hall
7-21-50	RAS Hall
9-1-50	RAS Hall
9-16-50	221 Noe Street, home of GEORGE WILLIAMS, who acted as chairman at this meeting. Concerning this meeting SF T-1 stated that all present represented the Communist Party faction of the RAS.
9-29-50	RAS Hall
10-13-50	RAS Hall

On April 14, 1950, RICHARD NIXON, candidate for the U. S. Senate, made a campaign address before members of the San Francisco Russian Colony at the Russian Center, 2450 Sutter Street. According to SF T-1, this meeting was picketed by members of the Fillmore Section of the San Francisco Communist Party who distributed leaflets addressed to Russian displaced persons in the San Francisco area. These leaflets were signed "Russian Democratic Association". SF T-1 explained that there is no such organization as the Russian Democratic Association, and that the leaflets were prepared by GEORGE WILLIAMS and VICTOR ARNAUTOFF on instructions from the Communist faction of the RAS.

It was learned from SF T-1 that a delegation from the RAS in San Francisco visited the Fresno-Kernan, California, Branch of the RAS on April 29 and 30, 1950, at Fresno, California. The meetings held in Fresno were of an informal nature and had as its purpose solving some of the problems of the Fresno-Kernan Chapter, as well as bringing the members of this chapter up to date on policy and methods. Two of the ten delegates from San Francisco were VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, his wife.

AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, SAN FRANCISCO (ARI)

The ARI has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

San Francisco T-4, of known reliability, advised that ARNAUTOFF attended meetings of the ARI on the dates set out below at the ARI Offices, 101 Post Street:

DATE	TYPE OF MEETING
4-18-50	Executive Committee
6-15-50	Executive Committee
7-25-50	Executive Committee
8-8-50	Executive Committee
8-22-50	Executive Board
10-3-50	General Membership

At the meeting held October 3, 1950, according to SF T-4, it was agreed that the members should not register as required under the provisions of the McCarran Act.

10-17-50	Executive Committee
10-19-50	Executive Committee

San Francisco T-5, of known reliability, advised that ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the Executive Board of the ARI on February 28, 1950, at 101 Post Street.

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

The following sources of information, of known reliability, advised that ARNAUTOFF attended meetings of the New Era Branch, Professional Section, Communist Party, on the dates set out below:

DATE	PLACE	SOURCE
1-5-50	2785 Green Street	SF T-6
1-19-50	1642 Larkin Street	SF T-6
2-16-50	23 Porter Street	SF T-6
3-30-50	23 Porter Street	SF T-6
5-11-50	2785 Green Street	SF T-6
7-27-50	602 Broderick Street	SF T-7

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7-27-50	602 Broderick Street	SF T-8
8-10-50	1049 Church Street	SF T-8
8-21-50	715 27th Street	SF T-6

According to SF T-6, ARNAUTOFF was chairman of a meeting of the New Era Branch held January 5, 1950, at the home of SHIRLEY KELLER, 2785 Green Street, San Francisco. This meeting was opened for self-criticism of the members, and ARNAUTOFF briefly told of his mass work in the RAS and the California Labor School. The members highly praised his work, his grasp of knowledge, his patience, his clarity and his brevity of presentation. The only criticism directed at ARNAUTOFF was that he had not extended himself fully in the Teachers' Union.

The California Labor School, mentioned above, has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

SF T-1 advised in February, 1950, that at that time ARNAUTOFF was having trouble with his friend, JOHN ORLOFF, in that ORLOFF had refused to join the Communist Party at ARNAUTOFF's request. JOHN ORLOFF is a member of the Russian American Society.

On May 8, 1950, SF T-9, a former Communist Party member of national importance, advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF is known to him as being a member of the Communist Party.

SF T-6 reported on May 18, 1950, that plans were being made to split the New Era Club into two sections, namely the Miscellaneous Branch and the Teachers' Branch, and that ARNAUTOFF would probably be placed in charge of the Teachers' Branch. SF T-6 reported on September 5, 1950, that the New Era Branch of the Professional Section had been broken into three groups of four members each, and that ARNAUTOFF was in charge of the group which would include the teachers in the branch, and that this group would retain the name New Era.

SF T-1 attended a peace conference of A.F. of L representatives of the San Francisco Communist Party held April 23, 1950, at the California Labor School. The major portion of this meeting was used by LOUISE TODD LAMBERT who discussed a report prepared by GUS HALL, a member of the Communist Party National Committee. SF T-1 learned that the HALL report would appear in the May issue of the magazine Political Affairs under the title "Through United Front to Fight for Peace." SF T-10, of known reliability, advised on November 16, 1950, that LOUISE TODD LAMBERT is Organizational Secretary, 13th District, Communist Party, USA.

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SF T-11, of known reliability, reported that ARNAUTOFF and his wife were invited to dinner at the home of CELESTE STRACK on July 27, 1950. SF T-10 has advised that CELESTE STRACK is Educational Director, Communist Party, USA, 13th District.

The November, 1950, telephone directory reflects that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF resides at 1007 Washington Avenue, Colma, California. The indices of Stanford University, Palo Alto, indicate that ARNAUTOFF continues to teach in the Graphic Arts Department of the University.

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Mr. GEORGE ADAMS, Manager of the Art Institute of California, 1256 Market Street, San Francisco, reported to Special Agent JAMES CHARVES that YVONNE GONDA, a student at the Art Institute, was dismissed from the school on June 28, 1950, for circulating a copy of the Stockholm Peace Petition among the students at the school. When questioned as to where she obtained the original petition blanks, GONDA refused to answer, saying she would stand on her constitutional grounds.

Mr. ADAMS further advised that following the dismissal of GONDA, the Art Institute received a deluge of letters protesting the dismissal, and among those sending the letters was VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

In addition, Mr. ADAMS pointed out that on September 5, 1950, a delegation of "ten Commies" came to the Art Institute office demanding that they see the scholastic record of YVONNE GONDA, and protesting the removal of her from school. One of the members of the delegation, according to ADAMS was ARNAUTOFF.

SF T-12, of known reliability, advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF on December 21, 1949, was in contact with an individual who gave his address as 409 40th Avenue West, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and on December 28, 1949 ARNAUTOFF was in contact with an individual who gave his address as Post Office Box 252, Barbados, British West Indies.

SF T-13, of known reliability, has advised that Post Office Box 252, Barbados, British West Indies, is registered under the name of T. G. LASHLEY, who is now deceased. He was formerly a merchant in Bridgetown, Barbados. His business is now operated by his two sons, AUBREY and SYDNEY LASHLEY. SYDNEY LASHLEY is reported to have served in the Canadian Army during World War II as a radio operator. SF T-13 advised that there is no evidence of Communist activities on the part of the LASHLEY family.

SF T-14, of known reliability, advised that the address, 409 40th Avenue West, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, is the residence of Mr. GLENN H. BOWES, Exploration Manager of the Hudson Bay Oil and Gas Company of Calgary. In addition, SF T-14 advised that BOWES travels extensively throughout Alberta, that he has been a resident of Canada for approximately two years, and formerly resided in Los Angeles, California. BOWES is not known to SF T-14 as ever having engaged in Communist activities.

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SOURCE PAGE

San Francisco T-1 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA THOMAS SULLIVAN.

San Francisco T-2 [redacted] who furnished the information to SE R. E. GRUSSENMEYER.

San Francisco T-3 [redacted]

San Francisco T-4 [redacted] who furnished the information to SE R. E. GRUSSENMEYER on 4-18-50, 7-25-50, 8-8-50 and 10-17-50; to SA FORDYCE LYMAN on 6-15-50; to SE R. GRUBE on 8-22-50; to SE L. D. JOHNSON on 10-3-50; to SE NORMAN CISSNA on 10-19-50.

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San Francisco T-5 [redacted], who furnished the information to SE D. E. DEFFENBAUGH on 2-28-50.

San Francisco T-6 [redacted], who furnished the information to SA DONALD J. KENNEDY.

San Francisco T-7 [redacted], who furnished information to SA JAMES CARLISLE.

San Francisco T-8 [redacted], who furnished the information to SA JAMES CARLISLE.

San Francisco T-9 [redacted], who furnished the information to the New York Office.

San Francisco T-10 [redacted], who furnished the information to SE D. E. DEFFENBAUGH.

San Francisco T-11 [redacted], who furnished an information to Special Agent LEWIS H. JOHNSON.

San Francisco T-12 A cover placed on the mail directed to the residence of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF during December, 1949.

San Francisco T-13 A confidential British source known to the Bureau.

San Francisco T-14 [redacted]

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent PAUL C. FULLER dated 2-22-50 at San Francisco.

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Date: March 30, 1951

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To: District Director
Immigration and Naturalization Service
630 Sansome Street
San Francisco, California

Attention: John G. Clemson, Chief
Investigative Section

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Victor Michael Arnautoff
SECURITY MATTER - C
FBI file number 100-47675

Reference is made to your request of March 5, 1951 (form G-59), your file 245P38495, for any derogatory information concerning subject available in this Bureau's files for use in possible denaturalization proceedings against subject.

In compliance with your request a summary report of all pertinent information concerning this subject is being prepared and will be furnished to you by the San Francisco Office of this Bureau in the near future.

cc: San Francisco

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

MAR 1 0 1951

File No. 245-P-38495

San Francisco, California
(Address of requesting office)

Date March 5, 1951

DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Security Division

Please furnish a report as to the nature of any derogatory information contained in any file—other than fingerprint records—which your Bureau may have concerning the following person:

Name ARNAUTOFF (Surname) VICTOR (Given name) MICHAEL (Middle and other names)

Aliases

FBI No. SF-100-6359

Alien Registration No.
or Visa Application No.

Date of birth Nov. (Month) 11 (Day) 1896 (Year)

Birthplace MARINPOL (Town) RUSSIA (Country)

Marital status Married

Name of spouse Lydia

Race Russian Color White Sex Male Occupation Artist-painter

Complexion Light Eyes Brown Hair Dark Brown Height 6 ft. Weight 149 lbs.

Visible marks Flesh mole on right cheek

Places of residence last 5 years (*include street and number*):
547 - 37th Avenue, San Francisco, Calif.
1283A Second Avenue, San Francisco, Calif.

Places of employment last 5 years:
Self employed

The subject is
- ☐ Under deportation proceedings.
- ☐ An applicant for naturalization.
- ☐ An applicant for a certificate of lawful entry.
- ☒ Possible denaturalization proceedings

If the subject has a common name, the names of all relatives given in the subject's application filed with the Immigration and Naturalization Service will be shown on the back of this form, with the relationship indicated.

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Please mail the attached copy of this request with your reply to the address shown below.

Let to San Francisco 3-29-51 JKS

Ack by let 3-29-51 JKS

(Name of officer requesting report)

John G. Clemson, Chief
Investigation Section
(Title)

(In duplicate)

(For use by Federal Bureau of Investigation)

Mail to—
DISTRICT DIRECTOR,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
630 Sansome Street, San Francisco, Calif.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont DATE: February 5, 1951

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
400 CONCEALED COMMUNISTS REVEALED
BY LOUIS F. BUDENZ
SECURITY MATTER - C
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By memorandum dated July 14, 1950, captioned as above, the New York Office furnished the following information. Budenz, in going over the names which he had submitted to the Bureau, picked out the following names which he stated should be removed from the list of concealed Communists. Budenz struck the following names from the list because he felt they were open rather than concealed Communists:

Chapman, Abraham
Dale, Thelma
Golos, Fannie
Myers, Frederick N.
Patterson, William Lorenzo

Budenz deleted the following names from the list because there was some question in his mind as to the identity of the individual. He did not feel that he could positively state that the individual is a concealed Communist.

Addis, Thomas (Dr.)
Adler, Mildred
Algase, Benjamin
Amato, Pat
Arnautoff, Victor
Auden, Erika Julia
Hedwig Auden, aka
Erika Mann

Balyk, Steve
Baron, Herman
Bath, Cyril
Bellamy, Ralph
Billstein, A. H.
Cheffetz, Miriam (Cheifetz)
Christiansen, Leo C.
Coyle, C. H.
Crane, John O.
Crane, Sylvia Engel
Cronbach, Robert
Diamond, Freda
Douglas, Dorothy
Endore, Guy
Epstein, Abraham
Fairchild, Mildred (Dr.)
Flamm, Irving
Folsom, Franklin Brewster
Gifford, Mabel F.
Gordon, William
Gray, John
Green, Sarah S.
Pichel, Irving
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March 30, 1951

Director, FBI

Victor Michael Arnautoff
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On March 5, 1951, the Immigration and Naturalization Service local office at San Francisco requested the Bureau to furnish any available derogatory information concerning the subject, for possible denaturalization proceedings.

The Bureau's file reflects that the San Francisco office was authorized by the Bureau on February 1, 1949, to furnish a copy of the summary report of SA Fred R. Elledge, San Francisco, December 19, 1946, on this subject to INS at San Francisco. Since the date of that summary report, there have been thirteen investigative reports prepared by your office on this subject none of which have been disseminated to INS.

You are, therefore, instructed to prepare a summary report of subject's pertinent activities occurring since date of last summary report. This report should contain only information suitable for dissemination to INS and of possible use in denaturalization proceedings against the subject. This report should be prepared so as to reach the Bureau not later than thirty days from your receipt of this letter and a copy of it should be furnished by you to INS at San Francisco.

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SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was
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Re Summary Report of SA PAUL C. FULLER dated April 25, 1951 at San Francisco.

Information concerning ARNAUTOFF's activities was included in this report through April 1, 1951. This investigation is being placed in a pending inactive status.

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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY REPORT

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ARNAUTOFF was born 11/11/96, Marinpol, Russia. Entered U.S. at Nogales, Arizona, 5/23/31. Received citizenship U.S. District Court, San Francisco, August 2, 1939. He presently resides 1007 Washington St., Colma, California. Currently employed Graphic Arts Department, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. During 1946, 1947 and 1948 ARNAUTOFF was in frequent contact with high officials of the Soviet Consulate, San Francisco, and frequently visited Consulate at 2563 Divisadero Street. ARNAUTOFF was active member of New Era Club, Professional Section, Communist Party, from September, 1946 to December, 1950. He was transferred to the Russian Club, Communist Party. He is known to associate with Communist Party state officials. He is President of the Russian American Society. ARNAUTOFF regularly attends meetings of the Executive Board, general membership and Communist Party faction. ARNAUTOFF is a member of Executive Committee and active in affairs of American Russian Institute and participates as an instructor and exhibitor of art at California Labor School. He was delegate to American Continental Congress for World Peace, Mexico City, September 5 through September 10, 1949.

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DETAILS:

VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was born November 11, 1896, at Marinpol, Russia. His wife LYDIA was born February 2, 1903, at Mukden, China. The ARNAUTOFFS have three children, MICHAEL, born June 8, 1924, in China; BASIL, born October 9, 1925, in Mexico, and JACOB, born September 11, 1930, in Mexico. ARNAUTOFF served as a cavalry officer in Russia during World War I and from 1922 to 1925, he served in the Manchurian Cavalry. He entered the United States at Nogales, Arizona on May 23, 1931. He was granted Certificate of Naturalization #4331663 in the United States District Court at San Francisco on August 2, 1939.

ARNAUTOFF resides with his wife at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. He is currently employed as an instructor in the Graphic Arts Department of Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

Throughout the remainder of this report the Russian American Society of San Francisco, California will be referred to as the RAS and the American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations With the Soviet Union of San Francisco, California will be referred to as the ARI.

Lydia Arnautoff
Mrs Victor Michael Arnautoff

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SF T-2, of known reliability, advised that on November 8, 1946, ARNAUTOFF attended a reception at the Soviet Consulate which was held in honor of the twenty-ninth anniversary of the October Revolution.

T-2 also advised that on January 8, 1947, ARNAUTOFF and his wife LYDIA were present at the Consulate at an entertainment sponsored by the Soviet Consul General and his staff. During the course of the evening two sound films, "The Turning Point" and "Physical Cultural Parade in Moscow", were exhibited.

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On February 10, 1947, according to T-2, ARNAUTOFF had a party in his home for members of the Soviet Consulate and the Executive Board members of the RAS. The RAS will be identified elsewhere in this report.

On September 27, 1947, according to SF T-3, of known reliability, ARNAUTOFF invited Consul General EFREMOV and his wife; VASILI KHRAMEEV, Second Secretary, and IVAN TARASOV, Vice Consul, to attend a cocktail party ar ARNAUTOFF's art studio, 730 Montgomery Street, San Francisco. According to T-3, all Soviet officials who were invited accepted the invitation.

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SF T-4, of known reliability, reported that ARNAUTOFF and his wife were in attendance at the thirtieth anniversary celebration of the Russian Revolution held at the Soviet Consulate on November 6, 1947.

It came to the attention of SF T-5, of known reliability, that ARNAUTOFF and his wife visited at the home of Soviet Consulate Second Secretary VASSILI KHRAMEEV, 2730 Sacramento Street, during the evening of March 17, 1948.

On April 13, 1948, T-3 learned that ARNAUTOFF was attempting to locate building space for an exhibit of "Thirty Years of Progress in the Soviet Union" which was being observed by the Soviet Consulate. ARNAUTOFF informed T-3 that the RAS Hall, 321 Divisadero Street, would probably be used.

It came to the attention of T-3 that on June 8, 1948, MIKHAIL ZAREZOV, Consulate Secretary, met with ARNAUTOFF at the latter's art studio, 730 Montgomery Street.

SF T-6, of known reliability, reported that ARNAUTOFF had lunch with Vice Consul IVAN TARASOV on August 4, 1948.

On August 23, 1948, according to T-3, ARNAUTOFF was invited to attend the showing of a motion picture at the Soviet Consulate which dealt with the life of the Russian scientist, Dr. PIGAROFF.

SF T-7, of known reliability, advised that ARNAUTOFF and his wife on September 4, 1948, attended a farewell party for members of the Soviet Consulate sponsored by the RAS and the ARI. The ARI will be identified elsewhere in this report.

SF T-8, of known reliability, related in October, 1949, that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF in behalf of the RAS extended an invitation for ALEXANDER PANUSHKIN, USSR Ambassador, Washington, D. C., to attend the celebration of the great October Revolution to be held in November, 1949 at the RAS Hall.

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An advertisement appearing in the January 30, 1950, issue of the San Francisco published Russian language newspaper "Novaya Zarya" reflects that the Christ Savior Church of Berkeley, California, is under the jurisdiction of the Patriarchate Russian Orthodox Church.

T-10 noted that during the evening of January 9, 1950, MAKAROV spent approximately two hours in the ARNAUTOFF home at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

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On March 25, 1951 SF T-11, of known reliability, determined that GRIGORI ILLARIONOVICH RASSADIN and IVAN ALEKSANDROVICH FILIPPOV, Pravda correspondents from New York City, were in San Francisco.

On March 26, 1951, SF T-12, of known reliability, observed RASSADIN and FILIPPOV, together with HOLLAND ROBERTS and VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, leave the ARI Office at 101 Post Street and walk to the Garden Court of the Palace Hotel, Market and New Montgomery Streets. They remained at the Palace Hotel for approximately two and one-half hours and returned to the ARI Offices. Later during the same afternoon, ARNAUTOFF with RASSADIN and FILIPPOV, in ARNAUTOFF's automobile, drove to the Russky Kustar, 1200 Divisadero Street, which is owned and operated by JERIMAH FEINGOLD. FEINGOLD, when interviewed in October, 1950, by Special Agent KEITH G. TEETER, advised that his store is a retail outlet for Soviet literature, phonograph records and objects of art.

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ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Information received from SF T-14, SF T-15, SF T-16, SF T-17 and SF T-18, all of known reliability, during the period from September, 1946 to December, 1950, indicates that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the New Era Club, Professional Section, Communist Party, at least once each month. All of these meetings were held in the residences of club members. The membership of the club is made up of school teachers, attorneys, medical doctors and nurses and is considered by Communist Party officials as one of their most important clubs in the San Francisco Bay Area.

On December 29, 1950, T-17 advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had been transferred from the New Era Club to the newly formed Russian Club, Communist Party. The Russian Club is also known as "The Eleven" Club and derives this name from the eleven convicted national Communist Party officials.

T-14 has advised that a meeting of the New Era Professional Club, Communist Party, was held on September 12, 1946 at ARNAUTOFF's art studio, 730 Montgomery Street.

At a meeting of the New Era Club, according to T-14, held October 24, 1946, ARNAUTOFF gave a report on a pervious meeting of the Educational Directors of all the clubs of San Francisco and pointed out the significance of the Party's role with respect to the coming elections.

T-14 related that at a meeting of the New Era Club held November 7, 1946, ARNAUTOFF stated, "Fascism is a direct growth of imperialist capitalism and stirs some rivalry between capitalistic states. It deprives all workers of all rights while deceiving them of their nationalist appeals. The only defense against it is to work within the nation and from a strong democratic group of people."

At a meeting of the New Era Club held November 7, 1946, ARNAUTOFF donated $40.00 to the treasury for the general fund, according to T-15.

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T-16 reported that at a meeting of the New Era Club held July 3, 1947, it was announced that a painting by V. ARNAUTOFF would be raffled off for the benefit of the Daily People's World Newspaper.

The Fourth Annual Report (1948) of the California State Un-American Activities Committee identified the Daily People's World Newspaper as a West Coast organ of the Communist Party.

At a meeting of the New Era Club held January 27, 1949, according to T-14, each member present was requested to give an evaluation of his individual work for the Communist Party during the past year. ARNAUTOFF advised that he had been working with the RAS and the ARI. He further stated that both organizations are under attack and at a critical point in their existence. In addition, he advised that his teaching job at Stanford University, plus his activities in the RAS and the ARI, keep him extremely busy.

T-14 advised that at a meeting of the New Era Club held February 3, 1949, the club was divided into two groups with ARNAUTOFF placed in charge of the teacher's group and WILLIAM KERNER placed in charge of the miscellaneous group.

It came to the attention of T-14 that at a meeting of the New Era Club held February 10, 1949, ARNAUTOFF reported on the financial standing of the members as to their contributions to the "Fighting Fund" and the People's World subscription drive. He announced that $140.00 per month had been pledged and that it was hoped that the pledge could be raised to $150.00. In addition, ARNAUTOFF remarked that the Communist Party nationally needed $100,000.00 within thirty days to pay current expenses and to wipe out all existing debts.

On November 3, 1949 ARNAUTOFF was elected Chairman of the New Era Club to replace THOMAS HARDWICK, according to T-14.

It was learned from San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, that ARNAUTOFF attended a mass meeting of the San Francisco Communist Party held November 25, 1949 at Druid's Hall, 49 Page Street. The speakers at this meeting, according to T-2, were OLETA O'CONNOR YATES, San Francisco County Chairman, Communist Party; LEON KAPLAN, Trade Union Director, San Francisco County Communist Party, and WILLIAM TAYLOR, Chairman, Minorities Committee, Los Angeles County Communist Party.

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T-14 noted that at a meeting of the New Era Club held in January, 1950, ARNAUTOFF acted as Chairman. This meeting was opened for self-criticism of the members and ARNAUTOFF briefly told of his mass work in the RAS, the ARI and the California Labor School. The members present highly praised his work, his grasp of knowledge, his patience, his clarity and his brevity of presentation. The only criticism directed at ARNAUTOFF was that he had not extended himself fully in the teacher's Union.

T-14 advised in May, 1950, that ARNAUTOFF had been placed in charge of the Teacher's Branch of the New Era Club.

SF T-19, of known reliability, reported that on July 27, 1950, CELESTE STRACK, Educational Director, Communist Party, USA, Thirteenth District, invited VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and his wife to her home for dinner.

According to SF T-20, of known reliability, ARNAUTOFF invited WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, Chairman, Communist Party, USA, Thirteenth District, to be an honored guest at the celebration of the thirty-third anniversary of the great October Socialist Revolution, to be held at the RAS Hall, 321 Divisadero Street on November 11, 1950.

It came to the attention of SF T-21, of known reliability, that a meeting of the Communist Book Review Club was held in February, 1951, at the home of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF in Colma, California.

ACTIVITIES IN RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY (RAS)

SF T-2, who is affiliated with the Russian American Society and who is a member of the Communist Party, has advised that a faction of Communist Party members and followers control the society and its activities which consists primarily of the dissemination of propaganda on behalf of Russia. The RAS has office space, a meeting hall and a library at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco.

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T-2 has reported that during the period from September 1, 1946 to April 1, 1951, ARNAUTOFF attended an average of approximately two meetings a month of the RAS. T-2 has divided the meetings into three types, namely, the general membership, the Executive Board and the "Communist Party Faction". ARNAUTOFF has been President of the RAS since September 1, 1946 and in that capacity, to the knowledge of T-2, he has attended every meeting of the Executive Board.

The Communist Party Faction, according to T-2, is a group in the RAS who belong to the Communist Party and who completely control and dominate the policies, activities and finances of the Society. ARNAUTOFF regularly attends these meetings which are held at least once a year without the consent or knowledge of the general membership.

The information set forth below concerning ARNAUTOFF's participation in the affairs and activities of the RAS was received from T-2 unless otherwise indicated.

At a meeting of the Executive Board held September 6, 1946, San Francisco Soviet Vice Consul VICTOR AFANASIEV was present and acted as Chairman of the meeting. AFANASIEV announced at the meeting that the Soviet Consul had learned of the growing dissension among the RAS members and he personally had called the meeting to find the cause of the trouble. During the discussion which followed AFANASIEV's brief talk, ARNAUTOFF was accused of being dictatorial and rude and was charged with having been a former White Russian Army Officer. At the conclusion of the meeting AFANASIEV asked all present to forgive and forget and to continue their work of helping the Soviet Union.

At a meeting of the Communist Party Faction of the RAS held in November, 1946, the election of officers for 1947 was discussed and it was decided to nominate only those individuals who had indicated their willingness to follow the Communist Party line. Also at this meeting ARNAUTOFF stated he desired to resign as President of the RAS but that "party officials insisted that I remain as President".

At a general membership meeting held January 7, 1947, ARNAUTOFF was nominated to the office of presidency for 1947 and at a general membership meeting held January 31, 1947 with Soviet Vice Consul VICTOR AFANASIEV present, ARNAUTOFF was elected President.

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AFANASIEV was present at a meeting held February 21, 1947, and urged that the RAS use its surplus money to purchase and disseminate Soviet propaganda rather than use it to aid children in the Soviet Union.

A meeting held February 22, 1947, chaired by ARNAUTOFF, was in the form of a celebration honoring the twenty-ninth anniversary of the Red Army of the USSR. KONSTANTIN EFREMOV, San Francisco Soviet Consul General, was in attendance at this meeting.

ARNAUTOFF, at an Executive Board meeting held May 30, 1947, read a letter from a San Francisco Attorney advising that Soviet newspapers could be mailed anywhere in the United States without the need of registering as agents of a foreign principal.

On July 23, 1947, a Communist Party Faction meeting was held at ARNAUTOFF's residence.

At a general membership meeting held July 25, 1947, ARNAUTOFF was instructed by those present to invite the ARI to join the RAS in the coming celebration of the 800th anniversary of Moscow to be held December 13, 1947 at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, San Francisco.

On September 12, 1947, the Executive Board instructed ARNAUTOFF to invite KONSTANTIN EFREMOV, Soviet Consul General, to participate in the celebration of the 800th anniversary of Moscow.

An article appearing in the September 9, 1947 issue of the San Francisco published Russian language newspaper "Novaya Zarya" reflects that on September 6, 1947, the RAS held a reception to celebrate the 800th anniversary of Moscow. The reception was held in honor of Consul General EFREMOV. Present at the reception were EFREMOV and wife; Vice Consul V. ~~V.~~ AFANASIEV; First Secretary V. I. KHRAMEEV and S. ~~R.~~ STRIGANOV, First Secretary of the USSR Embassy, Washington, D. C. The article reflects that V. ARNAUTOFF greeted the guests and acted as Master of Ceremonies.

At an Executive Board meeting held October 15, 1947, ARNAUTOFF was accused of running the RAS in a dictatorial manner, having caused several members to resign because of his rudeness and of using his position for personal profit.

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At the Executive Board meeting held January 12, 1948, ARNAUTOFF announced that the RAS would have a joint celebration of Red Army Day and George Washington's Birthday on February 21, 1948.

The general membership of the RAS elected ARNAUTOFF President for 1948 at a meeting held January 30, 1948.

At ARNAUTOFF's instigation a general membership meeting was held at the USSR Consulate, 2563 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, on August 16, 1948, at which time a Soviet Film was exhibited.

On October 15, 1948, ARNAUTOFF as President of the RAS sent the following telegram to Attorney General THOMAS CLARK: "Urge impeaching Judge SYMES of Colorado for barbarous indefinite sentence in BARRY case." A photostatic copy of this telegram furnished by the U. S. Department of Justice is maintained in the San Francisco files. This telegram was sent in protest of the action taken by the Federal Government in connection with persons subpoenaed by the Grand Jury in Denver, Colorado and who were incarcerated upon their failure to testify concerning their knowledge of the Communist Party.

SF T-8, of known reliability, advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, as President of the RAS, extended an invitation to Soviet Ambassador ALEXANDER S. PANYUSHKIN, Washington, D. C., to be guest of honor at the RAS celebration of the 31st anniversary of the USSR to be held in San Francisco on November 6, 1948. A similar invitation was extended to V. V. AFANASIEV, Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. AFANASIEV is the former Vice Consul assigned to San Francisco.

At an Executive Board meeting held March 11, 1949, ARNAUTOFF read an article from the Soviet published newspaper Pravda, concerning the expulsion of ANNA L. STRONG from Russia. ARNAUTOFF commented concerning the article that "the enemies of the Soviet Union are our enemies" and that STRONG should be regarded by all as such.

During the course of an Executive Board meeting held October 29, 1949, ARNAUTOFF announced that he had secured JESSICA SMITH, Editor of the magazine "Soviet Russia Today" to speak at the celebration of the Soviet Anniversary to be held November 12, 1949.

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On November 4, 1949, ARNAUTOFF advised that JESSICA SMITH would be unable to attend the Soviet Celebration but that GEORGE LOHR would speak on the subject "The Contribution of the Soviet Union to Peace".

SF T-22, of known reliability, has advised that during 1949 GEORGE LOHR was a member of the State Committee of the Communist Party.

A general membership meeting was held March 17, 1950 to celebrate the ninth anniversary of the RAS. ARNAUTOFF, in opening the meeting, urged all present to sign the Stockholm Peace Pledge and to make all possible efforts to obtain other signatures.

On April 14, 1950, RICHARD NIXON, candidate for the U.S. Senate, made a campaign address before members of the San Francisco Russian colony at the Russian Center, 2450 Sutter Street. According to T-2 this meeting was picketed by members of the Fillmore Section of the San Francisco Communist Party who distributed leaflets addressed to Russian displaced persons in the San Francisco area. These leaflets were signed "Russian Democratic Association". T-2 explained that there is no such organization as the Russian Democratic Association and that the leaflets were prepared by GEORGE WILLIAMS and VICTOR ARNAUTOFF on instructions from the Communist Faction of the RAS.

On April 29 and 30, 1950, a delegation from the RAS in San Francisco visited the Fresno-Kernan, California Branch of the RAS. The meetings, all held in Fresno, were of an informal nature and had as their purpose solving some of the problems of the Fresno-Kernan Chapter as well as bringing the members of this chapter up to date on policies and methods. Two of the ten delegates from San Francisco were VICTOR ARNAUTOFF and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, his wife.

On November 11, 1950, at 321 Divisadero Street, the RAS celebrated the 33rd anniversary of the great October Revolution. The principal speaker was Dr. WILLIAM BERKE, Chairman of the Peace Committee of the ARI. It was noted that during the evening ARNAUTOFF introduced ANDREW YAKOVETIC, Secretary of the Fresno-Kernan Branch, RAS, to WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, Secretary, Thirteenth District, Communist Party, USA.

At a general membership meeting held in February, 1951, ARNAUTOFF was again elected President of the RAS.

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ACTIVITIES IN THE AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION (ARI)

The ARI has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The ARI offices are located at Suite 301, 101 Post Street, San Francisco.

SF T-23, of known reliability, related on September 25, 1947 that WILLIAM KERNER, Director of the ARI, invited ARNAUTOFF to participate in a round-table discussion to be held December 1, 1947. The topic to be discussed was Art in the Soviet Union. ARNAUTOFF indicated a willingness to participate in such a discussion.

SF T-1, of known reliability, reported on November 6, 1947 that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was a member of the Executive Committee of the ARI. T-1 further advised that ARNAUTOFF was requested to speak on Arts and Crafts at a regular membership meeting of the ARI to be held November 14, 1947. T-1 advised on January 6, 1948 that current stationery emanating from the office of the ARI contained the name VICTOR ARNAUTOFF as a member of the Board of Directors.

SF T-3, of known reliability, reported that ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the ARI Board of Directors held June 8, 1948 at 101 Post Street.

On June 10, 1949, SF T-24, of known reliability, advised that HOLLAND ROBERTS, President of the ARI arranged to meet with ARNAUTOFF and organize a calendar for the ARI for use in observing important dates and events during 1949. It came to the attention of SF T-25, of known reliability, on October 6, 1949, that HOLLAND ROBERTS explained to the Executive Board that ARNAUTOFF had been appointed to ascertain the important USSR events which should be celebrated by the ARI, that is the important state anniversary events, individual Soviet city celebrations and all other important events. ROBERTS pointed out the importance of the ARI in observing these events that occur in the USSR and at the same time he believed the people of the Soviet Union should be advised of what is being accomplished by the ARI.

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T-25 further related that ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the ARI held at the Institute Offices, 101 Post Street, on October 20, 1949, and again on December 15, 1949.

In January, 1950, SF T-20, of known reliability, advised that stationary emanating from the office of the ARI at that time reflected that ARNAUTOFF was a member of the ARI Board of Directors.

T-25 advised that ARNAUTOFF attended eleven meetings of the ARI Executive Committee, one meeting of the Executive Board and one general membership meeting, all held at 101 Post Street during the period between April 4, 1950 and March 25, 1951. At the general membership meeting attended by ARNAUTOFF it was agreed by those present that the members should not register as required to under the provisions of the McCarran Act.

ACTIVITIES IN THE CALIFORNIA LABOR SCHOOL, SAN FRANCISCO

The California Labor School has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. The present location of the school is 321 Divisadero Street. Prior to March, 1951, it was located at 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

It was learned from T-2 on November 29, 1947 that ARNAUTOFF was teaching courses in art at the California Labor School two or three nights a week.

The Daily People's World newspaper, July 1, 1948 edition, contains an article captioned "ARNAUTOFF Highlights Exhibit". The article deals with an art exhibit being held at the California Labor School, the principal exhibit being twenty wood engravings by ARNAUTOFF.

On January 13, 1949, T-20 furnished a document announcing a series of classes on art and literature to be held at the California Labor School. A program for classes reflects that ARNAUTOFF was scheduled to lecture on "Recent Soviet Discussions on Literature, Music and Painting" for January 24, 1949.

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SF T-14 advised that ARNAUTOFF attended a class in Modern Art and Literature at the California Labor School on May 9, 1949 and T-14 noted that ARNAUTOFF was at the Labor School on May 3, 1949, at a time when the Marxist-Leninist Institute was in session.

SF T-26, of known reliability, made available an announcement captioned "Artists Carnaval" to be held October 29, 1949 at the Labor School, 240 Golden Gate Avenue. Among those listed as costume jurors is the name VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.

On November 15, 1949, ARNAUTOFF advised T-24 that he would be available to teach a class on "Technique of Oil Painting" at the Labor School during the coming semester.

MISCELLANEOUS

On August 22, 1949, SF T-7, of known reliability, advised that the San Francisco office of the American Continental Congress for World Peace was headed by HOLLAND ROBERTS, President of the ARI and Educational Director of the California Labor School. T-7 learned on August 26, 1949 that the Executive Board of the RAS was considering sending ARNAUTOFF to the "Peace Conference" to be held in Mexico City September 5 through September 10, 1949.

An article appearing in the September 8, 1949, issue of the previously identified newspaper Novaya Zarya reflects that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF and wife, LYDIA, were among the delegates from San Francisco attending the Peace Conference at Mexico City.

The September 29, 1949 issue of the People's World Newspaper contains an article advertising a meeting to be held October 1, 1949 at the RAS Hall, 321 Divisadero Street. According to the article, VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, delegates to the Peace Congress in Mexico City, would be the principal speakers.

Concluded

According to T-2, at a RAS meeting held in September, 1949, ARNAUTOFF made a brief report on his attendance at the Mexico City Peace Congress. ARNAUTOFF was of the opinion that the people of Mexico City were extremely sympathetic to the Communist cause. ARNAUTOFF read a number of resolutions passed by the Congress, which according to T-2, were the regular Communist resolutions concerning peace, imperialism, war, oppression of minorities, etc. It was announced

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at the RAS meeting that numerous meetings were being planned throughout San Francisco for ARNAUTOFF to lecture on the works of the Congress.

The June 17, 1949 issue of the Daily People's World newspaper contains the announcement that on June 25, 1949, an art sale would be held by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF at his studio, 730 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, with all proceeds of the sale going to the People's World newspaper. The June 22, 1949 issue of this newspaper also contains an announcement concerning ARNAUTOFF's art sale to be held on June 25, 1949.

The Fourth Annual Report (1948) of the California State Un-American Activities Committee identified the Daily People's World as a West Coast organ of the Communist Party.

SF T-27, of known reliability, advised that ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the All Slav Council of Northern California held October 13, 1949 at the Yugoslav-Sokol Hall, 580 Eddy Street, San Francisco. This meeting was held for the purpose of raising funds for the defense of THOMAS BABIN and GEORGE PIRINSKY in collaboration with the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born. According to T-27, ARNAUTOFF contributed $25.00 to this defense fund. BABIN and PIRINSKY were, at that time, under deportation orders by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The Attorney General has declared that the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born comes within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Stationery emanating from the office of the Civil Rights Congress, 228 McAllister Street, San Francisco, in April, 1951, reflects that VICTOR M. ARNAUTOFF is a sponsor for the San Francisco Chapter. This stationery was furnished by SF T-7, of known reliability.

The Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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There is set forth below the date and place of meetings of the New Era Club, Professional Section, Communist Party, which were attended by ARNAUTOFF as reported by confidential informants.

Date	Place of Meeting	Reported By
September 12, 1946	730 Montgomery Street	T-14 and T-15
September 26, 1946	169 Jordan Avenue	T-14 and T-15
October 31, 1946	Address not reported	T-15
November 7, 1946	Address not reported	T-15
November 14, 1946	129 A Fourth Ave.	T-14
November 24, 1946	Address not reported	T-15
December 19, 1946	1375 - 31st Avenue	T-14
February 13, 1947	1375 - 31st Avenue	T-14 and T-15
February 28, 1947	129 A - Fourth Avenue	T-14
March 13, 1947	810 Pacheco	T-14
April 10, 1947	Address not reported	T-14
April 24, 1947	Address not reported	T-14
May 8, 1947	Address not reported	T-14
June 5, 1947	Address not reported	T-14
June 19, 1947	810 Pacheco	T-14 and T-16
July 3, 1947	1325 Cabrillo	T-14 and T-16
July 17, 1947	1325 Cabrillo	T-14 and T-16
September 26, 1947	1325 Cabrillo	T-14

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Date	Place of Meeting	Reported By
October 23, 1947	815 Plymouth St.	T-14
December 4, 1947	129 A Fourth Avenue	T-14
December 18, 1947	212 Shields St.	T-14 and T-16
January 8, 1948	1325 Cabrillo	" "
January 24, 1948	815 Plymouth	" "
February 5, 1948	1325 Cabrillo	" "
February 12, 1948	1325 Cabrillo	" "
February 26, 1948	112 Havlock St.	" "
March 4, 1948	810 Pacheco	" "
March 18, 1948	1325 Cabrillo	" "
April 1, 1948	810 Pacheco	" "
April 15, 1948	810 Pacheco	" "
May 21, 1948	1325 Cabrillo	" "
June 10, 1948	1325 Cabrillo	" "
July 22, 1948	482 Wellington Avenue	" "
August 5, 1948	482 Wellington Avenue	" "
August 19, 1948	1325 Cabrillo	" "
November 18, 1948	278 Eureka Street	T-14
December 16, 1948	2265 Geary Blvd.	T-14 and T-16
December 30, 1948	1325 Cabrillo	T-16
January 13, 1949	1642 Larkin	T-14 and T-16

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Date	Place of Meeting	Reported By
January 27, 1949	1235 Kirkham	T-14 and T-16
February 3, 1949	2265 Geary Blvd.	T-14 and T-16
February 10, 1949	278 Eureka	T-14 and T-16
February 24, 1949	1642 Larkin	T-14 and T-16
March 3, 1949	1642 Larkin	T-14 and T-16
March 13, 1949	1235 Kirkham	T-14
April 7, 1949	1642 Larkin	T-14 and T-16
April 21, 1949	278 Eureka	T-14 and T-16
June 2, 1949	278 Eureka	T-14
June 19, 1949	1642 Larkin	"
October 12, 1949	278 Eureka	"
November 2, 1949	602 Broderick Street	"
November 10, 1949	23 Porter Street	"
November 16, 1949	602 Broderick Street	"
December 1, 1949	2785 Green Street	"
December 8, 1949	278 Eureka	"
January 3, 1950	278 Eureka	"
January 5, 1950	2785 Green Street	"
January 19, 1950	1642 Larkin Street	"
February 16, 1950	23 Porter Street	"
March 30, 1950	23 Porter Street	"

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Date	Place of Meeting	Reported By
May 11, 1950	2785 Green Street	T-14
July 27, 1950	602 Broderick Street	T-17 and T-18
August 10, 1950	1046 Church Street	T-18
November 14, 1950	680 Sanchez	T-17

On December 29, 1950, T-17 advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had been transferred from the New Era Club to the newly formed Russian Branch of the Communist Party. The following are the dates, addresses of meeting places and the source reporting ARNAUTOFF's presence at meetings of the Russian Branch:

Date	Place of Meeting	Reported By
December 7, 1950	221 Noe Street	T-2
December 14, 1950	221 Noe Street	T-2
December 28, 1950	1007 Washington Street, Colma, California	T-2
March 8, 1951	1007 Washington Street, Colma, California	T-2

There is set forth below the date and type of meetings of the RAS attended by ARNAUTOFF as reported by SF T-2, of known reliability, during the period between September 1, 1946 and April 5, 1951.

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Type of Meeting	Date
Executive Board	September 6, 1946
Executive Board	September 13, 1946
General Membership	September 20, 1946
General Membership	October 4, 1946
General Membership	October 18, 1946
Executive Board	October 25, 1946
General Membership	November 1, 1946
Communist Faction	November 3, 1946
General Membership	November 15, 1946
Executive Board	November 22, 1946
General Membership	November 29, 1946
General Membership	December 20, 1946
Communist Faction	December 22, 1946
Executive Board	December 27, 1946
General Membership	January 3, 1947
Executive Board	January 10, 1947
General Membership	January 17, 1947
General Membership	January 31, 1947
General Membership	February 21, 1947
General Membership	February 22, 1947
Executive Board	March 7, 1947
General Membership	March 14, 1947
Executive Board	March 23, 1947

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Type of Meeting	Date
Executive Board	April 4, 1947
General Membership	April 25, 1947
General Membership	May 9, 1947
Executive Board	May 30, 1947
General Membership	June 6, 1947
General Membership	June 13, 1947
General Membership	June 27, 1947
General Membership	July 7, 1947
General Membership	July 11, 1947
Communist Party Faction	July 23, 1947
General Membership	July 25, 1947
Executive Board	August 1, 1947
General Membership	August 8, 1947
Executive Board	September 12, 1947
General Membership	October 3, 1947
Executive Board	October 15, 1947
General Membership	October 17, 1947
General Membership	November 7, 1947
Executive Board	November 19, 1947
General Membership	November 21, 1947

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Type of Meeting	Date
General Membership	December 5, 1947
Executive Board	December 14, 1947
General Membership	December 19, 1947
Executive Board	January 2, 1948
General Membership	January 16, 1948
General Membership	January 30, 1948
General Membership	March 26, 1948
Executive Board	May 25, 1948
Executive Board	June 2, 1948
General Membership	July 2, 1948
Executive Board	July 9, 1948
Executive Board	July 23, 1948
General Membership	August 16, 1948
General Membership	November 6, 1948
Executive Board	November 28, 1948
Communist Party Faction	January 16, 1949
General Membership	January 21, 1949
General Membership	February 4, 1949
General Membership	February 18, 1949
Executive Board	March 11, 1949
Executive Board	April 8, 1949

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Type of Meeting	Date
Communist Faction	April 10, 1949
General Membership	April 22, 1949
Executive Committee	May 13, 1949
General Membership	May 20, 1949
General Membership	July 8, 1949
Executive Board	July 22, 1949
General Membership	July 29, 1949
General Membership	August 5, 1949
General Membership	September 19, 1949
Executive Board	October 29, 1949
General Membership	November 12, 1949
Executive Board	November 18, 1949
General Membership	November 20, 1949
General Membership	December 2, 1949
Executive Board	January 6, 1950
General Membership	January 20, 1950
General Membership	February 4, 1950
Executive Board	February 12, 1950
General Membership	February 25, 1950
Executive Board	March 13, 1950
General Membership	March 26, 1950

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Type of Meeting	Date
Executive Board	April 17, 1950
General Membership	May 20, 1950
Executive Board	May 26, 1950
General Membership	June 1, 1950
General Membership	June 17, 1950
General Membership	June 23, 1950
Executive Board	July 7, 1950
General Membership	July 21, 1950
General Membership	September 1, 1950
Communist Faction	September 16, 1950
Executive Board	September 29, 1950
General Membership	October 13, 1950
General Membership	November 11, 1950
General Membership	December 19, 1950
General Membership	February 9, 1951
General Membership	March 23, 1951
General Membership	April 3, 1951

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SOURCE SHEET

SF T-1 is [redacted] who furnished the information to SA RAYMOND A. ARNOLD on October 2, 1946 and to SE LLOYD E. JOHNSON on 11/6/47 and 1/6/48.

SF T-2 is [redacted] who furnished the information in the form of handwritten reports.

SF T-3 is [redacted] who furnished the information to SA EUGENE A. BOGUSLAV on September 27, October 13, 1947; April 13; June 8 and August 23, 1948.

SF T-4 is [redacted] who furnished the information to SA FRED R. ELLEDGE.

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SF T-5

SF T-6 [redacted]

SF T-7 is [redacted] who furnished the information to SA DAVID E. TODD on August 22, 1949 and to SA PAUL C. FULLER on 1/16/50 and 4/4/51.

SF T-8 is [redacted]

SF T-9

SF T-10 [redacted]

SF T-11 is Mr. HOWARD HALL, Manager, Canterbury Hotel, San Francisco.

SF T-12 [redacted]

SF T-13 [redacted]

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[redacted]

SF T-14 is [redacted] who furnished the information in the form of handwritten reports.

SF T-15 is [redacted] who furnished the information in the form of handwritten reports.

SF T-16 is [redacted] who furnished the information in the form of handwritten reports.

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SF T-17 is [redacted] who furnished the information to SA JAMES CARLISLE.

SF T-18 is [redacted] who furnished the information to SA JAMES CARLISLE.

SF T-19 is [redacted] who furnished the information to SA LEWIS H. JOHNSON on 7/27/50.

SF T-20 is [redacted] who furnished the information to SA LEWIS H. JOHNSON on 1/13/49 and 11/17/49.

SF T-21 is [redacted] who furnished the information to SA MORRIS M. DE JEAN on 2/26/51.

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SF T-22 is [redacted]

SF T-23 is [redacted] who furnished the information to SA RAYMOND A. ARNOLD on September 25, 1947.

SF T-24 is [redacted] who furnished the information to SA H. E. CAMPBELL on June 10, 1949 and to SA JOSEPH LANDIS on 11/15/49.

SF T-25 is [redacted] who furnished the information to SE FRANCIS X. FUST on October 20, 1949; to SE ROBERT E. GRUSSENMEYER on 12/15/49; 4/18;7/25;8/8;10/17;11/24 and 1/23/50. To SA FORDYCE LYMAN on 6/15/50. To SE RICHARD E. GRUBE on 8/22/50. To SE LLOYD JOHNSON on 10/3/50. To SE NORMAN C. CISSNA on 10/19/50 and to SE SAMUEL D. ECCLES on 1/9/51.

SF T-26 is [redacted] who made the information available to SA RICHARD J. McMULLEN on 11/9/49.

SF T-27 is [redacted] who furnished the information to SA EDWARD DORNLAS, JR. on 10/13/49.

The date and place of meetings of the New Era Club and the Russian Club, Communist Party, which were attended by ARNAUTOFF was set out in the administrative section of this report only because of the danger of jeopardizing the position of the confidential informants. It is to be noted that only six informants reported ARNAUTOFF's presence at a total of sixty-nine meetings of the two clubs during the period from September, 1946 to April 1, 1951. At many of the meetings only four or five individuals were present and in many instances two of those present were informants.

The dates and types of meetings of the RAS which were attended by ARNAUTOFF was set out in the administrative section because of the danger of jeopardizing the position of [redacted]. ARNAUTOFF attended a total of 102 RAS meetings during the period reported and all information regarding his attendance was received by [redacted] At many of the Executive Board meetings and Communist Faction meetings only four or five persons were present.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated March 30, 1951.
Report of SA PAUL C. FULLER dated November 28, 1950, at San Francisco.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 8, 1951

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

Card U.T.D. 7-3-51

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was
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_X_ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

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COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: CONFIDENTIAL

ARNAUTOFF continues to reside 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. Employed as instructor Graphic Arts Department, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. ARNAUTOFF in contact with KONSTANTIN EFREMOV, First Secretary, USSR Embassy, Washington, D.C., on August 27 and September 11, 1951. Continues to be active in Russian Club, Communist Party; Russian American Society, and American Russian Institute. ARNAUTOFF elected to Board of Directors of newly organized San Francisco Chapter of National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions.

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DETAILS:

The June, 1951, San Mateo County Telephone Directory reflects that ARNAUTOFF continues to reside at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. The records of the Registrar's Office, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, reflect that ARNAUTOFF is employed at the University as an instructor in the Graphic Arts Department.

CONTACTS WITH USSR OFFICIAL

It came to the attention of SF T-1, of known reliability, that on August 27, 1951, ARNAUTOFF was in contact with KONSTANTIN EFREMOV and that ARNAUTOFF was giving consideration to having the Russian American Society sponsor a reception in honor of EFREMOV. ARNAUTOFF indicated that he and EFREMOV

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have been good friends for many years. The Russian American Society will be identified elsewhere in this report.

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COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

On December 29, 1950, T-1 advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had been transferred from the New Era, Mission Section, Communist Party, to the newly formed Russian Club, Mission Section. T-1 explained that the Russian Club is also known as "The Eleven Club" and derives its name from the eleven convicted Communist Party national officials.

T-1 has reported that during the period from March 15, 1951, to September 1, 1951, ARNAUTOFF attended thirteen meetings of the Russian Club. Three of these meetings were held at ARNAUTOFF'S home and for security reasons five of the meetings were held in ARNAUTOFF'S automobile while parked near the San Francisco Playland Ocean Beach.

SF T-3, of known reliability, advised that ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting held May 2, 1951, at the California Labor School, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California. At this meeting OLETA O'CONNOR YATES lectured on the topic "From Capitalism to Socialism". YATES was introduced by Doctor HOLLAND ROBERTS as the Secretary of the Communist Party of San Francisco. YATES is presently held in Los Angeles County Jail in lieu of $50,000 bond for violation of the Smith Act. Doctor HOLLAND ROBERTS is Director of the California Labor School.

The California Labor School has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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An anonymous letter was received by the San Francisco Office, postmarked in San Francisco on June 15, 1951. The anonymous letter merely referred to an enclosed mimeographed letter written in the Russian language, as well as a typed copy of the enclosed letter written in the English language. The enclosed letter, signed by V. ARNAUTOFF, requested the recipient to send a letter to President TRUMAN urging him to persuade the Supreme Court to grant a rehearing in the case of the eleven leaders of the CP, USA. An enclosed copy of a form letter was also submitted to be followed when writing to President TRUMAN.

On July 12, 1951, according to T-1, ARNAUTOFF discussed with BERNADETTE DOYLE the advisability of the members of the Russian Club, Communist Party, devoting all their spare time doing political work exclusively within the Russian American Society. During the discussion, ARNAUTOFF outlined the ten year history of the society stating that in the war years the main work of the society was to help the Soviet Union in the war effort and in the post war years the principal work was devoted to achieving peace. He explained that the Russian American Society was the only Russian organization in San Francisco friendly with the Soviet Union and that it is important that the society remain in existence to counter act anti-Soviet propaganda.

DOYLE concluded that the Russian Club, Communist Party, should consider the work of the Russian American Society as the main political task of the members, but if possible, the members should join other organizations such as church societies, Parent Teachers Association, and so forth. She urged the society members to devote at least part of their time to work in the latter organizations.

BERNADETTE DOYLE was organizer for the Mission Section, Communist Party, Thirteenth District, San Francisco. She is presently in custody Los Angeles County Jail in lieu of $50,000 bail for violation of the Smith Act.

According to T-1, a special meeting of the Russian Club was held June 9, 1951, at 321 Divisadero Street, at which ARNAUTOFF was present. The meeting was called on orders from the Mission Section of the Party for the purpose of immediately instituting a campaign of sending letters and telegrams to President TRUMAN requesting him to use his influence with the Supreme Court for a rehearing of the case of the eleven convicted Party officials.

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T-3 reported that ARNAUTOFF was present at a meeting held April 18, 1951, at the California Labor School, San Francisco, at which time a lecture was given by ADAM LAPIN. The subject of the lecture was based on WILLIAM Z. FOSTER'S "Outline of Political History of the Americas--Book II: From the Wars of Independence to World War I". ADAM LAPIN is associate editor of the San Francisco published Daily People's World newspaper. The California State Committee on Un-American Activities, 1948 Report, identified the Daily People's World as a Communist controlled newspaper.

ACTIVITIES IN THE RUSSIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY (RAS)

SF T-1, who is affiliated with the RAS and who is a member of the Communist Party, has advised that a faction of Communist Party members and followers control this society and its activities which consist primarily of the dissemination of propaganda on behalf of Russia. The RAS has office space, a meeting hall, and a library at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California.

According to T-1, ARNAUTOFF attended eleven meetings of the RAS all held at 321 Divisadero Street during the period from March 1, 1951, to September 1, 1951. ARNAUTOFF was chairman at all of these meetings.

On May 19, 1951, according to T-1, the RAS celebrated Soviet victory day over Germany at 321 Divisadero Street. The principal speaker was WILLIAM KERNER who related his experiences as a delegate to the Warsaw Peace Conference held at Warsaw, Poland, during the spring of 1951. KERNER was introduced by ARNAUTOFF.

It came to the attention of T-1 that on June 30, 1951, the RAS celebrated its tenth anniversary at a banquet held at 321 Divisadero Street. ARNAUTOFF was the chairman of the banquet and as the principal speaker, he reviewed the history of the RAS praising its work in helping the Soviet Union during World War II and its work for peace after the war.

At a regular meeting of the RAS held August 8, 1951, according to T-1, Chairman ARNAUTOFF announced that on August 12, 1951, at Polk Hall, San Francisco, a public meeting would be held to protest the jailing of Communists. ARNAUTOFF urged all RAS members to attend this meeting.

ADAM LAPIN COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY EMPLOYED BY DAILY PEOPLES WORLD (EMPL CARD)

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At a regular RAS meeting held August 22, 1951, ARNAUTOFF read a letter from the distributor of Soviet motion pictures in New York City in which the RAS was notified that two Soviet movies were available for September 23, 1951. The price for both pictures was $175 or for either one alone would be $125. This information was received from T-1.

On August 29, 1951, SF T-4, of known reliability, reported that ARNAUTOFF met with ROSE ISAAK at the offices of the American Russian Institute, 101 Post Street, to discuss the promotion of cultural understanding between the United States and Soviet Russia by both the American Russian Institute and the RAS. T-4 explained that ISAAK and ARNAUTOFF reached an understanding as to the respective zones of action for the two organizations in that the American Russian Institute would concentrate on leaflets and the "Information Bulletin" while the RAS would feature motion pictures. ROSE ISAAK is Executive Secretary of the American Russian Institute which will be identified elsewhere in this report.

ACTIVITIES IN THE AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION (ARI)

The ARI has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. The ARI offices are located at Suite 301, 101 Post Street, San Francisco, California.

T-4 has advised that ARNAUTOFF, as a member of the Executive Committee, attended ARI meetings on April 17, May 22, and August 7, 1951, all held at 101 Post Street, San Francisco.

SF T-5, of known reliability, advised that ARNAUTOFF attended an ARI meeting held June 7, 1951, at 101 Post Street.

ACTIVITIES WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS (ASP)

SF T-6, of known reliability, who is a member of the Communist Party in San Francisco and a member of the San Francisco Council of ASP, has advised that the council is completely controlled and dominated by the Communist Party.

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SF T-7, of known reliability, related that ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the San Francisco Council of ASP held in May, 1951, at 456 Vallejo Street, San Francisco, California. The purpose of this meeting was to organize a national office of the ASP which would include the San Francisco, East Bay, and Sausalito Branches of the council.

At a meeting of the San Francisco Council of ASP held July 31, 1951, at 1104 Sutter Street, ARNAUTOFF was elected as a member of the Executive Board, according to information received from T-6.

SF T-8, of known reliability, also advised that ARNAUTOFF was elected to the Executive Board of the San Francisco Council of ASP at a meeting held July 31, 1951.

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S O U R C E S

San Francisco T-1 [redacted] contacted by SA J. ALLISON CONLEY

T-2 [redacted] who furnished information to SA EUGENE BOGUSLAV

T-3 [redacted] contacted by SA GERARD A. PERKINS

T-4 [redacted] who furnished the information to SE CECIL LE BLANC on April 17, and August 29, 1951; to SE RICHARD GRUBE on May 22, 1951; and to SE N.O. BROWN on August 7, 1951

T-5 [redacted] who furnished information to SA RICHARD J. MC MULLEN on June 11, 1951

T-6 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA ROBERT E. THAU

T-7 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA ROBERT E. THAU

T-8 [redacted] who furnished the information to SA ERVIN THIBAULT

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SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will follow and report subject's activities as received from confidential informants and sources of information.

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA PAUL C. FULLER dated April 25, 1951, at San Francisco

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675)

DATE: October 4, 1951

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Reference report of SA PAUL C. FULLER dated October 1, 1951, at San Francisco..

The date and place of meetings of the Russian Club, Mission Section, Communist Party, attended by ARNAUTOFF were not set forth in referenced report because of the danger of jeopardizing the position of the confidential informant. It is to be noted that all information concerning ARNAUTOFF'S activities with the Russian Club was received from [redacted] only. The reports from this informant indicates that only four or five persons were present at all meetings of the Russian Club. There are set forth below the date and place of meetings of the Russian Club attended by ARNAUTOFF as reported by [redacted] for the period of March 15, 1951, to August 25, 1951:

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March 22, 1951	221 Noe Street, San Francisco
April 5, 1951	ARNAUTOFF'S automobile at San Francisco Playland Ocean Beach
April 19, 1951	221 Noe Street
May 2, 1951	221 Noe Street
May 3, 1951	1007 Washington Street, Colma, Calif.
May 17, 1951	ARNAUTOFF'S automobile at San Francisco Playland Ocean Beach
May 31, 1951	1007 Washington Street, Colma
June 9, 1951	321 Divisadero Street
June 14, 1951	ARNAUTOFF'S automobile at San Francisco Playland Ocean Beach
June 28, 1951	ARNAUTOFF'S automobile at San Francisco Playland Ocean Beach
July 12, 1951	1007 Washington Street, Colma
August 10, 1951	ARNAUTOFF'S automobile at San Francisco Playland Ocean Beach
August 23, 1951	321 Divisadero Street

The dates of the Meetings of the Russian American Society attended by ARNAUTOFF were not set out in detail in referenced report because of the danger of jeopardizing the position of [redacted]. All

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TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: October 6, 1951

FROM : C. E. Hennrich

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was., et al
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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: November 27, 1951

To: Mr. Donald L. Nicholson
Chief, Security Division
Office of Consular Affairs
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, was.
YAKOV VICTOROVICH ARNAUTOFF
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Victor Michael Arnautoff and Lydia Arnautoff are husband and wife. They have been the subjects of extensive security investigations by this Bureau. The following background data concerning them have been developed.

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Residence: 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California
Occupation: Instructor in Graphic Arts, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California
Born: Marinpol, Russia November 11, 1896
Entered US: Nogales, Arizona May 23, 1931
Naturalized: US District Court, San Francisco August 2, 1939

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Victor Arnautoff is President of the Russian - American Society in San Francisco. He has been identified as an active member of the Communist Party in San Francisco from 1946 through 1950 and he associates with high officials of the Party. From 1946 to 1948 he was in frequent contact with officials of the Soviet Consulate at San Francisco and a frequent visitor at the Consulate.

Name:	Lydia Arnautoff, nee Lydia Vasilievna Blonsky
Residence:	1007 Washington Street, Colma, California
Occupation:	Housewife
Born:	Vladivostok, USSR February 6, 1903
Married:	Victor Arnautoff at Mukden China, September 2, 1923
Entered US:	Nogales, Arizona May 23, 1931
Naturalization:	US District Court, San Francisco, August 7, 1939

Starting in 1942 Mrs. Arnautoff was employed for approximately five years by the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission at San Francisco. She has been employed for short periods of time as a translator by the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco. She has been identified as a member of the CP and has taken an active part in various pro-Communist and pro-Soviet organizations.

There is no record of Yakov Victorovich Arnautoff in this Bureau's files.

Victor and Lydia Arnautoff have a son, Jacob Arnautoff, born in Mexico September 11, 1930, who may be identical with this individual. No investigation has been conducted of Jacob Arnautoff.

Copies of summary reports of all pertinent information developed in the investigation of Victor Michael Arnautoff have been furnished to the Immigration and Naturalization Service at the specific request of that organization for use in possible deportation and denaturalization proceedings against that subject.

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Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney
Criminal Division

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Director, FBI

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Copies of all pertinent investigative reports concerning Victor and Lydia Arnautoff have been furnished to the Records Administration Branch of the Department of Justice.

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cc - The Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675)

DATE: March 21, 1952

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359)

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SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.
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Rerep SA PAUL C. FULLER, dated 3/21/52, at San Francisco.

The date and place of meetings of the Russian Club, Mission Section, Communist Party, attended by ARNAUTOFF were not set forth in rerep because of the danger of jeopardizing the position of the confidential informant. It is to be noted that all information concerning ARNAUTOFF's activities with the Russian Club was received from [redacted] only. The reports from this informant indicate that only four or five persons were present at all meetings of the Russian Club.

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There are set forth below the date and place of meetings of the Russian Club attended by ARNAUTOFF as reported by [redacted] for the period of March 15, 1951 to December 27, 1951:

March 22, 1951	221 Noe Street, San Francisco
April 5, 1951	ARNAUTOFF's automobile at San Francisco Playland Ocean Beach
April 19, 1951	221 Noe Street
May 2, 1951	221 Noe Street
May 3, 1951	1007 Washington Street, Colma, California
May 17, 1951	ARNAUTOFF's automobile at San Francisco Playland Ocean Beach
May 31, 1951	1007 Washington Street, Colma
June 9, 1951	321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco
June 14, 1951	ARNAUTOFF's automobile at San Francisco Playland Ocean Beach
June 28, 1951	ARNAUTOFF's automobile at San Francisco Playland Ocean Beach
July 12, 1951	1007 Washington Street, Colma
August 10, 1951	ARNAUTOFF's automobile at San Francisco Playland Ocean Beach
August 23, 1951	321 Divisadero Street
September 6, 1951	321 Divisadero Street
September 24, 1951	1007 Washington Street, Colma
October 4, 1951	ARNAUTOFF's automobile at San Francisco Playland Ocean Beach
October 18, 1951	1007 Washington Street, Colma
November 1, 1951	221 Noe Street
November 29, 1951	1007 Washington Street, Colma
December 13, 1951	ARNAUTOFF's automobile at San Francisco Playland Ocean Beach
December 27, 1951	850 Oak Street, San Francisco

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SUMMARY REPORT

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ARNAUTOFF was in contact with USSR officials in August, September and October 1951. He is a member of the Russian Branch, Communist Party. Branch meetings are frequently held in the ARNAUTOFF residence and in his automobile. Continues to associate with Communist Party officials, Thirteenth District. ARNAUTOFF, as President of the Russian American Society, regularly attends meetings of tho Executive Board, General Membership and Communist Party factions of the Society. He is a member of the Executive Committee and active in the affairs of the American Russian Institute and is acting chairman of the San Francisco Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions. ARNAUTOFF continues to reside at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, and is employed as instructor, Graphic Arts Department, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

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DETAILS:

I. CONTACTS WITH USSR OFFICIALS

It came to the attention of SF T-1, of known reliability, that on August 27, 1951, ARNAUTOFF was in contact with KONSTANTIN EFREMOV, and that ARNAUTOFF was giving consideration to having the Russian American Society sponsor a reception in honor of EFREMOV. ARNAUTOFF indicated that he and EFREMOV have been good friends for many years. The Russian American Society will be identified elsewhere in this report.

SF T-3, of known reliability, advised that ARNAUTOFF met the Soviet delegation to the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference, San Francisco, as they arrived by Southern Pacific train at Oakland, California on September 1, 1951.

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At 11:35 a.m., in ARNAUTOFF's automobile, they drove through downtown San Francisco, the Twin Peaks area, through Golden Gate Park, and returned to downtown San Francisco where, at 12:55 p.m., OLIFIRENKO left ARNAUTOFF near the intersection of Kearny and Post Streets.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND COMMUNIST PARTY CONTROLLED ORGANIZATIONS

A. Communist Party

On December 29, 1950 T-1 advised that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had been transferred from the New Era Mission Section, Communist Party, to the newly formed Russian Club, Mission Section. T-1 explained that the Russian Club is also known as "The Eleven Club" and derives this name from the eleven convicted Communist Party National Officials.

T-1 has advised that during the period from March 15, 1951 to January 1, 1952, ARNAUTOFF attended twenty-one meetings of the Russian Club. Six of these meetings were held in ARNAUTOFF's home, and for security reasons seven were held in ARNAUTOFF's automobile parked near San Francisco Playland Ocean Beach.

SF T-5, of known reliability, advised that ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting held May 2, 1951 at the California Labor School, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco. At this meeting, OLETA O'CONNOR YATES lectured on the topic "From Capitalism to Socialism." YATES was introduced by Dr. HOLLAND ROBERTS, Assistant Secretary of the Communist Party of San Francisco. At the present time, YATES is standing trial in Los Angeles, California for violation of the Smith Act. Dr. HOLLAND ROBERTS is Director of the California Labor School, which has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

An anonymous letter was received by the San Francisco Office, postmarked in San Francisco on June 15, 1951. The anonymous letter merely referred to an enclosed mimeographed letter written in the Russian language as well as a typewritten copy of the enclosed letter written in the English language. The enclosed letter, signed by V. ARNAUTOFF, requested the

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recipient to send a letter to President TRUMAN urging him to persuade the Supreme Court to grant a hearing in the case of the eleven leaders of the Communist Party - USA. An enclosed copy of a form letter was also submitted to be followed when writing to President TRUMAN.

On July 12, 1951, according to T-1, ARNAUTOFF discussed with BERNADETTE DOYLE the advisability of the members of the Russian Club, Communist Party, devoting all their spare time doing political work exclusively within the Russian American Society. During the discussion, ARNAUTOFF outlined the ten year history of the Society, stating that in the war years, the main work of the Society was to help the Soviet Union in the war effort, and in the postwar years the principal work was devoted to achieving peace. He explained that the Russian American Society was the only Russian organization in San Francisco friendly with the Soviet Union, and that it is important that the Society remain in existence to counteract anti-Soviet propaganda. DOYLE instructed that the Russian Club, Communist Party, should consider the work of the Russian American Society as the main political task of the members, but if possible the members should join other organizations such as church societies, Parent Teachers Associations, etc. She urged the Society members to devote at least part of their time to work in the latter organizations.

BERNADETTE DOYLE, in July 1951, was Organizer for the Mission Section, Communist Party, Thirteenth District, San Francisco. She is presently standing trial in Los Angeles, California for violation of the Smith Act.

According to T-1, a special meeting of the Russian Club was held June 9, 1951, at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, at which ARNAUTOFF was present. The meeting was called on orders from the Mission Section of the Communist Party for the purpose of immediately instituting a campaign of sending letters and telegrams to President Truman requesting him to use his influence with the Supreme Court for a rehearing of the case of the eleven convicted Communist Party officials.

SF T-5, of known reliability, reported that ARNAUTOFF was present at a meeting held April 18, 1951 at the California Labor School, at which time a lecture was given by ADAM LAPIN. The subject for the lecture was based on WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's "Outline of Political History of the American Case - Book II: From the Wars of Independence to World War I." ADAM LAPIN

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is Associate Editor of the San Francisco published Daily Peoples World newspaper. The California State Committee on Un-American Activities, 1948 Report, identified the Daily Peoples World as a Communist controlled newspaper.

In September 1951, according to T-1, ARNAUTOFF advised GEORGE WILLIAMS, a fellow member of the Russian Branch, Communist Party, that he, ARNAUTOFF, would probably be subpoenaed to appear before the California State Un-American Activities Committee. WILLIAMS suggested to ARNAUTOFF that for the next two weeks, he "should lay low, stay at home and not see any strangers." WILLIAMS reasoned that within two weeks, the Un-American Activities Committee would move to Los Angeles, California, and then the danger would be over.

T-1 also learned in September 1951 that ARNAUTOFF, at a meeting of the Russian Branch, complained to GEORGE BRATOFF that some of the Russian Branch members indicated a considerable lack of enthusiasm in Russian American Society affairs. ARNAUTOFF suggested, and BRATOFF agreed, that instead of long Russian American Society business meetings, they should have short meetings to be followed by informal, roundtable gatherings to discuss political affairs and current events.

T-1 learned from GEORGE WILLIAMS that at a meeting of the Russian Branch, held in October 1951, ARNAUTOFF was present when WILLIAMS announced that OLETA YATES was running for San Francisco City Supervisor. WILLIAMS explained that by running YATES for a political office, both "our friends and enemies" will realize that the Communist Party is still in business functioning and not discouraged by repression.

SF T-6, of known reliability, reported that ARNAUTOFF was in attendance at a Communist Party mass meeting held December 14, 1951, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. This meeting was held to welcome home the Communist Party leaders released on bail from the Los Angeles County Jail, where they were being held for violation of the Smith Act.

B. Russian American Society (RAS)

SF T-1, who is affiliated with the RAS and who is a member of the Communist Party, has advised that a faction of Communist Party members and followers control this society and its activities, which consist primarily of the dissemination of propaganda on behalf of Russia. Since its

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inception in 1942, ARNAUTOFF has continuously been President of the RAS. The RAS has office space, a meeting hall and a library at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco.

According to T-1, ARNAUTOFF attended eighteen meetings of the RAS, all held at 321 Divisadero Street, during the period March 1, 1951 to January 1, 1952. ARNAUTOFF was chairman of all meetings he attended.

On May 19, 1951, according to T-1, the RAS celebrated Soviet Victory Day over Germany at 321 Divisadero Street. The principal speaker was WILLIAM KERNER, who related his experiences as a delegate to the Warsaw Peace Conference, held in Warsaw, Poland during the spring of 1951. KERNER was introduced by ARNAUTOFF.

It came to the attention of T-1 that on June 30, 1951, the RAS celebrated its tenth anniversary at a banquet held at 321 Divisadero Street. ARNAUTOFF was the chairman of the banquet, and as the principal speaker he reviewed the history of the RAS, praising its work in helping the Soviet Union during World War II and its work for peace after the war.

At a regular meeting of the RAS held August 8, 1951, according to T-1, Chairman ARNAUTOFF announced that on August 12, 1951, at Polk Hall, San Francisco, a public meeting would be held to protest the jailing of the West Coast Communist leaders. ARNAUTOFF requested that all RAS members attend this meeting.

At a regular RAS meeting held August 22, 1951, ARNAUTOFF read a letter from the distributor of Soviet motion pictures in New York City, in which the RAS was notified that two Soviet movies were available for September 23, 1951. The price for both movies was $175 or for either one alone $125. This information was received from T-1.

On August 29, 1951, SF T-7, of known reliability, reported that ARNAUTOFF met with ROSE ISAAK at the offices of the American Russian Institute, 101 Post Street, San Francisco, to discuss the promotion of cultural understanding between the United States and Soviet Russia by both the American Russian Institute and the RAS. T-7 explained that ISAAK and ARNAUTOFF reached an understanding as to the respective zones of action for the two organizations in that the American Russian Institute would concentrate

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on leaflets and the "USSR Information Bulletin" while the RAS would feature motion pictures. ROSE ISAAK is Executive Secretary of the American Russian Institute, which will be identified elsewhere in this report.

T-1 learned from GEORGE BRATOFF that at a RAS meeting held October 5, 1951, at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, ARNAUTOFF announced that the guest speaker for the RAS celebration of the Soviet anniversary to be held November 10, 1951 would be WILLIAM MANDELL. In addition, ARNAUTOFF stated that it would cost $75 to obtain the services of MANDELL, that the RAS would pay $50, and he personally would pay the additional $25.

According to T-1, ARNAUTOFF was present at the RAS celebration of the thirty-fourth anniversary of the Soviet Union, held November 10, 1951, at 321 Divisadero Street. Approximately 60 people attended the celebration, which was high-lighted by a lecture delivered by WILLIAM MANDELL. T-1 noted that MANDELL remarked that the United States cannot even think of fighting and winning a war against Russia when the U. S. Armies are not strong enough to defeat tiny Korea. He explained that the United States aviation cannot compete with Russian made planes and that the U. S. Army had sustained huge losses which had not been reported to the American people. MANDELL urged all people in the United States to put pressure on the U. S. Government to force a peace in Korea and have some working understanding with Russia.

C. American Russian Institute For Cultural Relations With The Soviet Union (ARI)

The ARI has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. The ARI offices are located in Suite 301, 101 Post Street, San Francisco.

SF T-7 has advised that ARNAUTOFF, as a member of the Executive Committee, attended ARI meetings on April 17, May 22, August 7, and December 4, 1951, all held at 101 Post Street, San Francisco.

SF T-8, of known reliability, reported that ARNAUTOFF attended Executive Committee meetings of the ARI at 101 Post Street on January 8, January 22, February 5 and February 19, 1952.

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T-7 reported that ARNAUTOFF attended a public meeting held at the ARI offices on October 10, 1951. At this meeting SENDER GARLAND, former newspaper correspondent in Moscow, Mr. and Mrs. ALLEN JOHNSON, and ORAN JENKINS, recent tourists in Russia, were the principal speakers. T-7 noted that these speakers praised the Russian people, the Russian government, and were particularly enthusiastic about the desire for peace on the part of the Soviet government and people.

D. San Francisco Council of Arts Sciences and Professions (ASP)

SF T-9, of known reliability, who is a member of the Communist Party, San Francisco, and a member of the San Francisco Council of ASP, has advised that the Council is completely controlled and dominated by members of the Communist Party.

T-9 has advised that ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the San Francisco Council of ASP, held in May 1951, at 456 Vallejo Street, San Francisco. The purpose of this meeting was to organize a Central Office of the ASP, which would include the San Francisco, East Bay and Sausalito Branches of the Council.

At a meeting of the San Francisco Council of ASP, held July 31, 1951, at 1104 Sutter Street, San Francisco, ARNAUTOFF was elected as a member of the Executive Board, according to information received from T-9. SF T-10, of known reliability, also advised that ARNAUTOFF was elected to the Executive Board, San Francisco Council of ASP, at a meeting held July 31, 1951.

In September 1951, T-9 received a written invitation to attend an ASP art panel to be held October 2, 1951, at 1237 Broadway, San Francisco. This invitation was signed by V. ARNAUTOFF, Acting Chairman.

III. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

The March 1952 San Francisco reverse telephone directory reflects that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California. ARNAUTOFF is employed as an instructor in the Graphic Arts Department, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

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SF T-1 [redacted] who furnished information orally to SA J. ALLISON CONLEY on 8/27/51. [redacted] furnished information used in this report in the form of written reports to SA J. ALLISON CONLEY dated as follows:

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8/26/51		100-11889N-754A (4)
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[redacted] furnished information used in this report in the form of written reports to SA THOMAS H. SULLIVAN dated as follows:

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9/10/51		100-11889N-754A (7)
9/23/51		100-11889N-754A (8)
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12/15/51		100-11889N-754A (22)
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SF T-2 [redacted] who furnished information orally to SA EUGENE A. BOGUSLAV on 9/11/51.

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SF T-3 SA RICHARD E. STEPHENS who obtained photographs of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF at the Oakland, California Southern Pacific Mole, at which time he was awaiting the arrival of the official Soviet delegation to the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference. These photographs were taken 9/1/51 and are on file together with the negatives in SF file 100-28139-1A.

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SF T-4 [redacted]

SF T-5 [redacted] who furnished information in the form of written reports to SA GERARD A. PERKINS dated 5/3/51, filed in SF file 100-32432A (30) and 100-32432A (31).

SF T-6 [redacted] who furnished a written report to SA DAVID F. MULLANE on 1/4/52, filed in SF file 100-26272A-512A (39).

SF T-7 [redacted] who furnished information orally to SE CECIL LE BLANC on April 17 and August 29, 1951; to SE RICHARD GRUBE on May 22, 1951; to SE N. O. BROWN on August 7, 1951; to SE R. W. SUTER on December 4, 1951 and to SE F. R. MITZNER on October 10, 1951.

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SF T-8 [redacted] who furnished information orally to SE F. X. FUST on January 8, 1952; SE D. D. CHRISTENSON on January 22, 1952; to SA WILLIAM J. SLATTERY on February 5, 1952, and to SE R. D. MALONEK on February 19, 1952.

SF T-9 [redacted] who furnished information orally to SA ROBERT E. THAU on May 10, 1951.

SF T-10 [redacted] who furnished a written report, dated July 31, 1951, to SA ERVIN THIBAULT, JR., filed in SF file 100-33861A-1A (2), and a document, undated, furnished to SA THIBAULT on October 20, 1951, filed in SF file 100-33861A-1A (12).

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
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Will report subject's activities as received from confidential informants and sources of information. Will report the results of a 60 day cover placed February 8, 1952 on all mail directed to 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

REFERENCE: Reports of SA PAUL C. FULLER, dated 4/25/51 and 10/4/51, at San Francisco.

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HAS BEEN REMOVED FOR MR. LAMPHERE TO BE KEPT PERMANENTLY IN HIS OFFICE, ROOM 1736

SEE FILE 66-2554-7530 FOR AUTHORITY.

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SUBJECT JUNE MAIL

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-47675)

DATE: July 1, 1952

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-6359)

SUBJECT: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was., Victor Mikhail Arnautoff, Victor Arnaootov, Victor Michail Arnautoff
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Mrs. Victor Michael Arnautoff

It is requested that the Bureau furnish photostatic copies of income tax reports for the years 1949, 1950, and 1951 of the subject and his wife, LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, nee LYDIA BLONSKY.

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The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

In connection with an official investigation at present being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it would be appreciated if you will furnish uncertified photostatic copies of the income tax returns for the following individuals for the years 1949, 1950, and 1951:

Victor Michael Arnautoff, with aliases, Victor Mikhail Arnautoff, Victor Arnaootov, Victor Michail Arnautoff, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

Lydia Arnautoff, 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) James P. McGranery

Attorney General.

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TITLE: VICTOR MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ARNAUTOFF resides 1007 Washington Street, Colma, Calif., and employed as instructor, Art Dept., Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif. Was in contact with USSR official in April, 1952, and proud of past connections with USSR Government officials. Member of "Russian Branch Club, CP," aka "The Eleven Branch." Continues as President, RAS, and attends meetings regularly. Is member of Executive Committee of ARI and attended such meetings in January, February, and planned to attend 6/3/52 meeting. Is a "member at large" and attended meetings of San Francisco Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions. Information regarding radio transmitter formerly operated from 1007 Washington St., Colma, Calif., set out.

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DETAILS:

I. RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

The June, 1952, San Francisco reverse telephone directory reflects that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF resides at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, which residence was confirmed by the writer on June 17, 1952.

The Stanford University summer schedule reflects that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF will teach "landscape painting and elementary drawing" between the period June 20, 1952, and August 16, 1952, from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week.

The records of the President's Office, Stanford University, in January, 1952, reflected that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was an instructor in the

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Graphic Arts Department and on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week taught from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., and on Tuesday and Thursday of each week taught from 9 a. m. to 12 noon. However, on February 15, 1952, the Registrar's Office of Stanford University advised that ARNAUTOFF was on leave from the University for the winter quarter ending March 21, 1952.

San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, on March 10, 1952, advised that ARNAUTOFF had taken a leave of absence from Stanford University, as he needed a vacation covering a period of two or three months, during which time he planned to deliver a series of lectures on Soviet art in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The May, 1952, university records reflect that ARNAUTOFF was conducting classes at Stanford University on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week between the hours of 9 a. m. and 12 noon, and 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. during the spring, 1952, quarter.

II. CONTACTS WITH USSR OFFICIALS

San Francisco T-1, of unknown reliability, on February 5, 1952, and February 8, 1952, advised that Mrs. LYDIA ARNAUTOFF had been employed by the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission, the San Francisco Ship Supply Company, and Amtorg Trading Corporation. T-1 recalled that Mrs. ARNAUTOFF had a long period of employment with the two Soviet agencies in San Francisco, and it was his impression that her sympathies definitely lean toward the USSR.

He felt that she was trying to assist the Soviets in any way possible, and he commented that she was the head secretary in the Soviet commercial establishment in San Francisco for a long period of time. He commented that she has a son in the Army, but that he at one time thought that she was a member of the Communist Party, although she had never acknowledged this to him. He characterized Mrs. ARNAUTOFF as a brilliant office worker and a person who was very highly regarded by her Soviet superiors. He also recalled that she was at the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco on practically all social occasions and was often there at other times. He felt that she was in a position to know more of the secrets of the Soviet personnel stationed in San Francisco than anyone, and he added that this would be particularly true during the years of World War II. He recalled that on numerous occasions, Mrs. ARNAUTOFF worked late in the offices, but he expressed the opinion that he doubted she was actively engaged as an intelligence agent for any of the Soviet representatives.

T-1 stated that he has met Mrs. ARNAUTOFF on the streets of San Francisco a few times subsequent to the closing of the Soviet commercial offices, and on one occasion she telephoned him asking if he had

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any work for her. T-1 recalled that during the fall of 1951, at the time of the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference, which was held in September, he met Mrs. ARNAUTOFF on the street, and she indicated that her husband, MRS. VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, wanted to talk with T-1. Shortly thereafter, T-1 received a telephone call from VICTOR ARNAUTOFF. He recalled VICTOR saying words to the effect "Can you help our friends find a place to stay?", and T-1 knew that he was referring to the Soviet delegation to the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference as the San Francisco papers were replete with stories concerning Soviet representatives seeking housing facilities for the group. To the best of T-1's recollection, VICTOR ARNAUTOFF had never worked for either Amtorg Trading Corporation or SGPC, and he assumed that while Mrs. ARNAUTOFF was employed by these agencies, her husband held a position at Stanford University as an art professor. T-1 expressed the opinion that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF's sympathies were similar to those of his wife, and he remembered that Mr. ARNAUTOFF was also quite active in the social affairs of the Soviet Consulate General.

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San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, on January 4, 1952, advised that ARNAUTOFF is proud of his connections with USSR Government officials, and until the San Francisco Consulate of the USSR was closed in September, 1948, that he was a frequent visitor at the Consulate and occasionally entertained various Soviet officials in his home. He was especially fond of VICTOR AFANASIEV, Vice Counsel, at the time the Consulate was closed, stating that AFANASIEV was a frequent visitor in the ARNAUTOFF home, and that ARNAUTOFF had explained that AFANASIEV was an easy-going, sociable type of individual, unlike other Russian officials who were strictly business in their dealings, even with Russian sympathizers.

During the time the Russian Consulate was open in San Francisco, there existed some friction between ARNAUTOFF and GEORGE WILLIAMS, according to T-2, because of ARNAUTOFF's close association with Consulate officials. WILLIAMS was described by T-2 as the contact between the Communist Party officials and the red Russian colony in San Francisco, and that he was very jealous of ARNAUTOFF because of the latter's ability to meet and associate with high-ranking members of the Soviet Consulate staff.

On March 10, 1952, San Francisco T-2 furnished an assignment of a lease from the Government Purchasing Commission of the Soviet Union in the United States to the Russian American Society, which will be described later, dated August 14, 1946, which was to become effective September 1, 1946. The lease was covering Room 209 of 320 Market Street, San Francisco, California, for a one-year period beginning March 1, 1946. The assignment of the lease was signed by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, as President of the Russian American Society, Incorporated. For the balance of this report this organization shall be referred to as the RAS.

T-2 also furnished a contract between the RAS and the Consulate General of the USSR in which the former society agreed to rent its main hall to the Consulate General from May 16, 1948, through June 16, 1948. This hall was to be used for an exhibition entitled "Thirty years of the USSR," the rental being $200.00. This contract was signed by I. V. TAROSOV for the Consulate General, and by VICTOR ARNAUTOFF for the RAS on May 14, 1948.

San Francisco T-3, of known reliability, advised that the subject and YURI VASILIEVICH NOVIKOV, second secretary of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C., were together during the morning and afternoon of April 26, 1952, during which time they visited Aliotto's Restaurant, 8 Fishermen's Wharf, the Legion of Honor Art Gallery in Lincoln Park Golf Course, Golden Gate Park, and 101 Post Street, San Francisco, California, a building in which the American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union has its office and library. The latter organization will be referred to in a later section of this report and will be referred to as the ARI.

San Francisco T-3 also advised that the subject met YURI VASILIEVICH NOVIKOV at 2 p. m. April 27, 1952, at Post and Stockton Streets, San Francisco, and remained with NOVIKOV that afternoon, during which time they visited 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, the address of the California Labor School and the RAS; the Steinhart Aquarium; and the Academy of Science Building, both of which are located in Golden Gate Park. T-3 advised that neither the subject nor NOVIKOV were contacted by any individual while in the Steinhart Aquarium or the Academy of Science Building in Golden Gate Park on April 27, 1952.

The California Labor School and the American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union have both been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

San Francisco T-2, on June 5, 1952, advised that it was his opinion, obtained through personal contact with the subject and his wife over a period of years, that either would do anything requested by the Communist Party or by Soviet officials on behalf of the Communist Party or of the Soviet officials. To the informant's knowledge, the subject had not been in contact with any Soviet officials in recent months.

III. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND COMMUNIST PARTY-CONTROLLED ORGANIZATIONS

a. Communist Party

Communist Party of the USA has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

San Francisco T-2 advised that during the period from January 1, 1952, to June 3, 1952, inclusive, ARNAUTOFF attended nine meetings of the "Russian Branch Club," aka "The Eleven Club," of the Communist Party, two of which meetings were held in ARNAUTOFF's home.

T-2, on January 4, 1952, advised that in his opinion ARNAUTOFF is a complete Marxist, explaining that ARNAUTOFF is extremely well read in all phases of Marxism and Leninism, and has an extensive pro-Russian and pro-Communist library in his home and reads nothing but this type of literature. He also claimed that ARNAUTOFF refuses to read daily newspapers, with the exception of the "Daily People's World," and refuses to read current magazines and periodicals.

The California State Committee on Un-American Activities, 1948 report, identifies the "Daily People's World" as a Communist-controlled newspaper.

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San Francisco T-2 described ARNAUTOFF as a person who lives in a world of his own needs and associates with people who think only as he does, and reads only the literature he wants to read.

T-2 reported that a welcome home party was held on December 14, 1951, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, for Communist Party leaders of California, which meeting was attended by a large number, including the subject. WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, Chairman, RUDDY LAMBERT, Financial Secretary of District 13 of the CP, USA, and OLETA O'CONNOR YATES, Secretary of the Communist Party of San Francisco, related their experiences in jail and expressed their thanks to the people who helped them raise the necessary money for their bail. It is pointed out that the above-mentioned individuals are presently standing trial in Los Angeles, California, for violation of the Smith Act.

San Francisco T-8, of known reliability, confirmed the fact that the subject attended the above meeting on December 14, 1951.

T-2 advised that the subject attended a Russian branch CP meeting on January 24, 1952, at which time all members were instructed to take part in peace mobilizations by signing peace petitions. It was also decided to hold social gatherings in private homes for members of the RAS in order that they could better influence RAS members and gradually involve them in political struggles. The educational given at this meeting by GEORGE WILLIAMS directed that the branches of the CP should increase their work among masses for peace, for ending political prosecutions, and for better living conditions of workers.

According to T-2, ARNAUTOFF, at the February 7, 1952, meeting of the Russian Branch, CP, stated that the ARI would celebrate their twentieth anniversary in April, 1952, the possibility being that Soviet Ambassador PANINUSHKIN would be an invited guest.

At the Russian Branch, CP, meeting held on February 14, 1952, ARNAUTOFF conducted the educational, according to T-2, on the subject "Force and Violence," the purpose being to repudiate the United States Government's allegation that the Party advocates force in changing our economic system. During this educational, ARNAUTOFF quoted LENIN extensively in trying to prove that the Communist Party is against any sort of violence, its aims being to educate and convince the majority of the working class that socialism is the best economical system. That accomplished, the transition to socialism will be peaceful. ARNAUTOFF stated that although war always helps revolutions, the Party is against revolutions, because it impoverishes the working class.

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San Francisco T-4, of known reliability, on March 3, 1952, advised the subject was not in favor of universal military training, having evidenced this fact by signing a telegram sent to FRANK HAVENER, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., by PEGGY SARASOHN, which reflected, "We urge you to speak, work, and vote against UMT. HITLER and MUSSOLINI voted for UMT. Do you want to join them?"

San Francisco T-19, of known reliability, has reported that PEGGY SARASOHN was a member of the Marina Branch of the Communist Party of San Francisco, California, from 1948 to 1950.

The San Francisco Russian language newspaper "Novaya Zarya" of March 7, 1952, contained an announcement reflecting that a "great celebration of International Women's Day" would be held at 8 p. m. March 8, 1952, at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, under the auspices of "International Women's Committee."

San Francisco T-5, of known reliability, advised that the subject was one of the speakers at the above celebration on March 8, 1952, at which free pro-Communist and pro-Soviet literature was available. According to San Francisco T-6, of known reliability, the "Novaya Zarya" is a local Russian language newspaper which reports, among other things, pro-Communist events.

According to San Francisco T-2, ARNAUTOFF read a leaflet at the Russian Branch, CP, meeting on March 20, 1952, which he had written, appealing to all Russian individuals and organizations to refrain from doing business or having any connections with the "American Committee to Liberate the Peoples of Russia," of which former American Ambassador to the USSR Admiral KIRK is chairman. ARNAUTOFF stated that the above committee, which is a part of the TRUMAN program to wage war against the Soviet Union, sends letters to all Russian organizations requesting them to join the committee and send information regarding their membership.

San Francisco T-2, on June 5, 1952, advised that it was his opinion, obtained through personal contact with ARNAUTOFF and his wife over a period of years, that either would do anything requested by the Communist Party or by Soviet officials on behalf of the Communist Party or of the Soviet officials. T-2 also related that GEORGE WILLIAMS was the "boss" of the RAS and, also, of the "Russian Branch of the CP," and is a member of the CP Security Commission, although ARNAUTOFF acts as the chairman of both the RAS and the "Russian Branch, CP" meetings. T-2 further stated that GEORGE WILLIAMS generally allows ARNAUTOFF to direct the activities of both the above-mentioned organizations, but when instructed by WILLIAMS regarding policy, carries out these instructions without argument.

San Francisco T-7, of known reliability, advised on November 15, 1951, that ARNAUTOFF was a subscriber to the "Daily People's World" newspaper, his subscription expiring January 1, 1952.

The "Daily People's World" has previously been identified.

b. San Francisco Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions (ASP)

San Francisco T-10, of known reliability, who is a member of the Communist Party of San Francisco and a member of the San Francisco Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions, which will be referred to as the ASP, has advised that the council is completely controlled and dominated by members of the Communist Party.

T-10 advised that a meeting was held at 1830 Sutter Street, San Francisco, on February 15, 1952, in the interest of the "Committee for Medical Freedom," which was sponsored by the Health and Welfare Panel of the "San Francisco Chapter of the ASP," the purpose of the meeting being to raise funds for the "Committee for Medical Freedom," which he described as originating in Los Angeles, California, for the purpose of getting medical people reinstated to positions which they had lost through their associations and activities in the Communist and left-wing groups. T-10 advised that ARNAUTOFF attended the above meeting.

San Francisco T-10 also advised that ARNAUTOFF attended a meeting of the ASP held on March 4, 1952, at 725 Hyde Street, San Francisco, the agenda of the meeting being on the following subjects: (1) the Equal Rights Conference scheduled for May 23, 1952; (2) a full-time director for the Bay Area ASP; (3) a national conference for peace and intellectual freedom; (4) observers to attend the Smith Act trial in Los Angeles, California.

San Francisco T-11, of known reliability, reported that the ASP held a meeting on April 29, 1952, at 1561 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, at which time the PAUL ROBESON ban was discussed, and, also, the ROSENBERG case (JULIUS and ETHEL). It is pointed out that PAUL ROBESON, the nationally known singer, was unable to use the facilities of the San Francisco Opera House or the San Francisco Auditorium for a concert. T-11 advised that an election of officers was conducted on April 29, 1952, ARNAUTOFF being elected as one of the "members at large." San Francisco T-10 confirmed that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was elected as above stated.

San Francisco T-12, of known reliability, on May 8, 1952, confirmed that ARNAUTOFF had been nominated on April 29, 1952, as a "member at large" of the above-mentioned organization; however, did not have any information regarding his election.

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According to San Francisco T-11, ARNAUTOFF attended an ASP meeting on May 28, 1952, at 228 Mc Allister Street, San Francisco, California.

c. Northern California Peace Council

San Francisco T-2 reported that ARNAUTOFF attended a Northern California Peace Council conference on January 12, 1952, at 1500 Post Street, San Francisco, the theme being "We Can Win the Peace," at which WILLIAM KERNER, the Executive Director of the organization, gave the main report, which introduced four points which he claimed would secure peace for the world. They were: (1) We must reach millions of people with our propaganda for peace. (2) Five-power conference and abandonment of war. (3) Arms census and proportional disarmament. (4) Cease fire in Korea.

San Francisco T-9, of known reliability, advised that WILLIAM KERNER, as of October, 1948, was a member of the "New Era Club of the Communist Party of San Francisco."

San Francisco T-14, of known reliability, confirmed that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF attended a conference of the Northern California Peace Council on January 12, 1952, and reported that the following resolutions, among others, were adopted without a decenting vote: (1) enemy cease fire; (2) five-power peace pact; (3) affective FEPC laws; (4) protest the United States to restore passports to ROBESON and PATTERSON, who introduced the Genocide resolution in Paris; (5) Resolve to cut prices and put an end to wage freezing.

San Francisco T-21, of known reliability, has advised that the Northern California Peace Council is dominated by known members of the Communist Party of San Francisco.

d. Russian American Society (RAS)

San Francisco T-2, of known reliability, on March 10, 1952, advised that as of that date and for several years previously, the Russian American Society was controlled by members of the Communist Party and persons sympathetic to the Communist Party or the Soviet Union, and that its activities consist primarily of dissemination of propaganda on behalf of the USSR. Since its inception in 1942, ARNAUTOFF has continuously been President of the RAS, which has office space, a meeting hall, and a library at 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California.

According to T-2, ARNAUTOFF attended fifteen meetings of the RAS, all held at 321 Divisadero Street, during the period January 1, 1952, and June 6, 1952, inclusive, ARNAUTOFF having acted as chairman at all meetings attended.

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At a regular meeting of the RAS on January 11, 1952, according to San Francisco T-2, ARNAUTOFF read an appeal letter from the "Civil Rights Congress," requesting members to protest anti-Negro terror and murder of H. MOORE in Florida, it being decided to send letters to Pres. TRUMAN, U. S. Attorney General MC GRATH, the Governor of Florida, and two California senators. ARNAUTOFF also read a letter from the "Emergency Fund Committee," requesting their donations, it being decided that the organization would send $25.00 to this committee.

According to T-2, a regular meeting of the RAS was held on February 8, 1952, and at the Executive Board meeting held on March 14, 1952, the organization's program for the year 1952 was discussed. ARNAUTOFF proposed that the RAS invite the Literary Section of the California Labor School and schedule a public meeting devoted to the memory and works of the Soviet poet MAYAKOVSKY. The results of this meeting were as follows: (1) ARNAUTOFF will contact CLS regarding meeting in April concerning memory of MAYAKOVSKY. (2) May Day celebration May 3, 1952, will be held with organizations that took part in the International Women's Day Celebration, the proceeds being given to the Emergency Fund. (3) Celebration of the seventy-first birthday of Mrs. SHAPOVALOV (RAS member).

According to San Francisco T-2, ARNAUTOFF, at the RAS meeting on March 24, 1952, read a letter from the "Civil Rights Congress," requesting the RAS to protest to all authorities from the President of the United States and others regarding racial riots, bombings, and murders, which letter was referred to the Executive Board for action.

The "Civil Rights Congress" and its affiliates have been cited by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

GEORGE X MEEL, Dos Rios, California, on March 27, 1952, in an interview, advised that he had been a member of the RAS from about 1946 to 1949, and that VICTOR ARNAUTOFF was the president or leader of the organization during or most of that time. MEEL supplied no further details regarding ARNAUTOFF.

At a regular meeting of the RAS on April 4, 1952, according to T-2, ARNAUTOFF announced receipt of a letter from the "Civil Rights Congress," describing their activities for the year 1951 and the fact, that the RAS would place an advertisement in the Russian newspaper "Novaya Zarya," which has previously been described, offering greetings to the Russian colony of San Francisco. ARNAUTOFF, at this meeting, announced that the May Day celebration or picnic of the RAS was rescheduled from May 18, 1952, to May 25, 1952.

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According to San Francisco T-2, ARNAUTOFF attended an Executive Board meeting of the RAS on April 11, 1952, at which time he read a letter requesting that petitions be circulated regarding a second trial for JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, both of whom have been condemned to death for violation of the U. S. Espionage Law on behalf of the USSR. ARNAUTOFF stated that it was their duty to circulate these petitions "because the ROSENBERGs were condemned, not because they were spys, but because they were Jews and progressive."

At a meeting of the RAS on April 18, 1952, KLARA SILBERSTEIN, described by T-2 as a member of the RAS and the Communist Party of San Francisco, announced that the May Day celebration would be held on May 3, 1952, in the RAS Hall, 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, the celebration to be a joint affair, including many progressive societies. She announced that all proceeds would be given to the Emergency Fund for the fifteen Communist Party leaders.

At a regular meeting of the RAS on May 2, 1952, ARNAUTOFF announced and read a letter received from the "Committee for Protection of Foreign Born of New York," requesting that they (RAS)join them in their fight against deportation of progressives. No action was taken as the RAS had already taken an active part in the San Francisco Branch of the above-mentioned organization.

On May 21, 1952, T-2 furnished a circular obtained from ARNAUTOFF entitled "Reverse the Two Infamous Supreme Court Decisions," which circular was issued by the "Northern California Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born," 228 Mc Allister Street, San Francisco, Room 211. This circular concerns the "Terminal Island Four Case" and the "Mc Carran Act," and requests that its readers send telegrams to President TRUMAN and the Attorney General demanding repeal of these bills.

The American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

San Francisco T-2 advised that the subject had attended the funeral of PETE YAKOVETIC, who had been active in the RAS at Fresno, California, on May 10, 1952, with other members of the organization.

T-2 also advised that the RAS meeting held on May 16, 1952, was devoted primarily to discussions on coming events of the organization, such as the celebration of the "Soviet Victory," to be held on May 18, 1952, at the home of JOHN ORLOFF, whom he stated was a member of the RAS, and a picnic to be held at the home of the SHAPOVLAVs, both RAS members, and the RAS anniversary on June 28, 1952.

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San Francisco T-2 reported that ARNAUTOFF, at the "Celebration of the Soviet Victory over Germany" held on May 18, 1952, at 3667 18th Street, announced that the only way to stop Fascist aggression which is in the making in the United States is to defeat the Fascists at the polls, as both major parties are in the clutches of Fascist-minded leaders. He concluded stating that the Independent Progressive Party (third party) has the people's program for peace, security, and prosperity. T-2 also advised that the subject attended an RAS gathering at the above address on May 28, 1952.

T-2, on June 5, 1952, advised that GEORGE WILLIAMS was the actual "boss" of the RAS in San Francisco, although ARNAUTOFF acts as the chairman and does most of the talking. He stated, however, that when instructed by WILLIAMS regarding policy, ARNAUTOFF carries out the directed policy without argument.

T-2 reported that prior to the start of the RAS meeting on June 6, 1952, members listened to a speech of Attorney REUBEN, probably WILLIAM REUBEN, recorded on a phonograph record regarding the JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG case. At the conclusion of the recording $15.00 was collected for the ROSENBERG committee. ARNAUTOFF, as chairman of the meeting, read letters received from the ROSENBERG committee inviting RAS members to send a delegate to their meeting to be held June 6, 1952, and June 13, 1952, respectively.

e. American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union, San Francisco, California (ARI)

The American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union, San Francisco, California, has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835, which organization will be referred to as the ARI. The ARI offices are located in Suit 301, 101 Post Street, San Francisco, California.

San Francisco T-13, of known reliability, has advised that ARNAUTOFF, as a member of the Executive Committee, attended ARI executive meetings on January 8, 1952, January 22, 1952, February 5, 1952, and February 19, 1952, all of which meetings were held in Suit 301 of 101 Post Street, San Francisco, California.

According to T-13, HOLLAND ROBERTS, the President of the ARI, announced at the January 22, 1952, meeting that the first matter on the agenda was a proposal regarding an ammendment to the bylaws of the ARI concerning the number of members of the Board of Directors.

San Francisco T-23, of known reliability, advised that ARNAUTOFF had acknowledged to him that he would attend the Executive Committee meeting of the ARI on June 3, 1952.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Re: Short Wave Radio Transmitter Formerly Operated From 1007 Washington St., Colma, California

San Francisco T-15 and T-17, of known reliability, on March 19, 1952, were interviewed regarding ARNAUTOFF receiving QSL cards, which are cards exchanged between radio operators to acknowledge the receipt of a particular radio message received on a certain date at a set time. T-17 advised that the cards received by ARNAUTOFF as of 1952 are not the type of QSL cards received at that address prior to 1950. He stated that the present cards received there are few in number and are worded to indicate that the sender of the card has received radio messages in the past (date usually indicated), and the sender is curious to know if that particular station is still operating. T-17 stated that this would indicate that the radio station has not been in operation for some time at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, probably since MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF moved from that address in late 1950. MICHAEL ARNAUTOFF is the son of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, who presently resides in the Los Angeles, California, area. T-17 stated that MICHAEL is known to have been interested in short wave (ham) radio .

San Francisco T-2, on March 20, 1952, advised that he has visited the home of ARNAUTOFF at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, on numerous occasions and has never observed any radio equipment of any type, other than the usual commercial receiving set.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM B. DILLON on May 10, 1952, and May 13, 1952:

An inquiry was conducted at the local office of the Federal Communications Commission, 323-A U. S. Customs House, San Francisco, California, to determine if there were any indications known to that agency which would indicate that there is a radio transmitter located at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, the residence of ARNAUTOFF and his wife.

Electronics Engineer JOHN W. CREWS checked the cards of licensed "Commercial" and "Amateur (Ham)" Operators but could find no reference to any one with the surname of ARNAUTOFF. Such licenses are issued for a duration period of five years and the cards presently in the file include those of all such licenses issued at San Francisco since 1946. The cards of "Novice" licenses were also checked with negative results and it is to be noted that such permits are valid for a one year period only.

The FCC maintains a card index of licensed radio transmitters according to address and all cards for Colma, Daly City, and Broadmoor were checked without locating anything pertinent to this inquiry. In addition, the file referred to as "Fixed Portables" was checked negatively and this file includes data regarding operators of transmitters who have changed their addresses.

Electronics Engineer F. V. SLOAN advised that his records do not indicate any complaints have been received from the Broadmoor area regarding radio or TV interference and this would have been likely if a transmitter had been operating there. SLOAN stated that he handled the investigation of complaints and does not recall any incidents that would suggest the existence of a radio transmitter in the Broadmoor Village area.

SLOAN stated that "QSL" (acknowledgement cards) are usually exchanged between amateur operators within a reasonable period following the receipt of a radio transmission. In some cases these "QSL" cards are exchanged through regular exchange agencies and these hold the cards for the addressee until a stamped self-addressed envelope is received to transmit them from the exchange to the person to whom they are directed. Such cards would be in an envelope and the mail carrier would not be aware of their receipt.

SLOAN expressed the opinion that if a "Ham" operator had had a transmitter at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, and if the equipment was still there, one could expect to find a transmitting antennae still in position. He thought it would be unlikely that such an antennae would be removed until such time as the transmitting equipment was taken from the premises.

SLOAN stated that radio monitoring is done by the FCC at its Livermore Monitoring Station and is on a 24-hour basis but only one operator is on duty during the night hours. Despite this limitation, SLOAN feels that the FCC would become aware of any unauthorized radio transmissions if there was any volume to the traffic. He feels that either the FCC or people regularly assigned to the channels being used would notice the traffic and report it. He added that the "Hams" are not permitted to relay messages in code or cipher, and if a station was to handle such traffic on the amateur bands some of the "Hams" would pick up the broadcast and be very suspicious of it, with resulting notification to FCC. "Hams" are permitted to handle messages in foreign languages, including the Russian language, but are not permitted to send traffic in the Russian Commercial Code.

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On May 10, 1952, Agent visually observed the subject's residence in Colma and noted that there is no external evidence of a radio receiving or transmitting antennae, nor is there a TV aerial in evidence. It is recognized that a concealed antennae is not difficult to construct and a temporary transmitting antennae is sometimes erected about the time the traffic is handled and is removed from sight as soon as the transmissions are completed.

San Francisco T-17 has indicated that the "QSL" cards which have been noted refer to radio traffic in years gone by rather than current traffic. ARNAUTOFF's son, MICHAEL, was apparently interested in radio but moved from Colma in late 1950 and has been in Los Angeles since that time. If he had radio transmitting equipment he may have taken it with him at the time he moved.

b. Background and Other Activities

San Francisco T-2, on January 4, 1952, advised that ARNAUTOFF purchased his present home at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, from his son MICHAEL in 1948 and assumed the outstanding mortgage on the house and, in addition, paid his son $1,000. He stated that ARNAUTOFF is "bad off" financially and pointed out that he had large medical expenses during the past four years.

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T-2 advised that the ARNAUTOFFs have three sons, namely MICHAEL, who lives in the Los Angeles, California, area and is employed by the telephone company; BASIL, a student at the University of California, Berkeley, California; and JACOB, a paratrooper in the U. S. Army.

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T-2 further advised that as far as he has been able to determine, none of the three sons are in sympathy with the political beliefs of their parents, and he has never known any of them to take part in any Communist Party or RAS activities, nor has he ever heard the parents refer to their sons in connection with such activities.

T-2 further related that ARNAUTOFF "is quite a lady's man," pointing out that he had an affair with a woman in 1947 who was a member of the RAS. According to T-2, this affair was brought to the attention of LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, who threatened divorce; however, she actually did not take any legal action.

The records of Tide Water Associated Oil Company, 79 New Montgomery Street, reflect that ARNAUTOFF has a credit card with that

company and has had same since October 24, 1951. Their records contained background information reflecting that ARNAUTOFF has been employed as a teacher in graphic arts at Stanford University since 1938, and that he purchased an automobile in January, 1951, from Belli Buick Automobile Company, Colma, California. The oil company's records reflect that ARNAUTOFF signs all gasoline purchase tickets personally, and that he buys more gasoline than the average individual per month, namely approximately one hundred gallons, the majority of purchases being made in a Tide Water Associated station located at Eighty-seventh Avenue and Junipero Serra Boulevard, Colma, California, which is approximately four or five blocks from subject's residence. During the period of February, March, April, and May, all purchases made by ARNAUTOFF were purchases from service stations located in San Francisco, with the exception of a purchase of five gallons of gasoline on May 10, 1952, at Madera, California, which apparently was made when subject was en route to Fresno, California, where he was to attend a funeral of a deceased RAS member.

San Francisco T-18, of known reliability, on May 27, 1952, furnished the following toll calls charged to PLaza 5-0472, from 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, between the period November 14, 1951, and April 1, 1952:

DATE	PLACE CALLED
11/14/51	Palo Alto, DA 2-4267
11/18/51	A Western Union message sent to Colma, Calif., and signed VICTOR ARNAUTOFF.
12/1/51	Palo Alto, DA 3-5516
12/31/51	Western Union message sent to Oakland, Calif., and signed MOTHER.
1/4/52	Western Union message sent to Redondo Beach, Calif., and signed JAKE. (JAKE probably refers to son, JACOB). X ARNAUTOFF
1/7/52	"Rdw" or "Rdn" (handwriting not clear). FRO 4-2484
3/9/52	East Bay, LA 4-2549
3/11/52	Ditto
3/15/52	Ditto

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DATE	PLACE CALLED
3/15/52	Sausalito 1272 R
3/18/52	East Bay, LA 4-2549
3/25/52	Ditto
3/31/52	Palo Alto, DA 3-9411
4/11/52	East Bay, LA 4-2549

The subject was under observation on May 4, 10, 14, 17, 18, 24, 25, 28, and June 1, 5, 15, 17, 1952, according to SF T-20, of known reliability, nothing unusual being observed. Investigation on May 28, 1952, confirmed information previously received from San Francisco T-2, who had advised that the subject had visited 3667 18th Street, San Francisco, California, on May 28, 1952. On June 1, 1952, a 1941 Buick sedan was observed parked in front of 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, bearing 1952 California license 7N11214, which, according to the California Motor Vehicle Department, is registered to MIKE or LILLIAN D. ARNAUTOFF, 5243 N. Francisca, Redondo Beach, California. (Son and daughter-in-law of subject).

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San Francisco T-15, of known reliability, on January 17, 1952, stated that it was his opinion that VICTOR and LYDIA ARNAUTOFF, during the year 1951, had received an unusual amount of mail from foreign countries, particularly Europe, Canada, Mexico, and Southeastern Asia countries.

San Francisco T-16, of known reliability, advised that the ARNAUTOFFs received correspondence from the following individuals and organizations during the period February 8, 1952, and April 8, 1952; however, no correspondence was observed from any foreign country:

San Francisco Museum of Art
Civic Center, San Francisco;

California State Automobile Assoc.;

321 Divisadero Street
San Francisco, California (address of CLS and RAS);

"Daily People's World"
San Francisco, California;

"Masses and Mainstream"
832 Broadway, New York;

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Artists Equity Bureau
623 Madison Ave., New York;

Room 600
935 Market Street
San Francisco, Calif.
(Northern California Peace
Council);

Suit 310, 101 Post St.,
San Francisco, California
(ARI);

The American Federation of
Arts, 1262 New Hampshire Ave.
North West Washington, D. C.;

New Century Publishers, Inc.
832 Broadway, New York 3, N. Y.;

228 Mc Allister Street
San Francisco, Calif. (JAFRC);

740 Creek Drive
Menlo Park, California
(MICHAEL SHOPAVOLOV, member
RAS);

577 Belvedere Street
San Francisco, Calif.
(RUDOLPH OPPENHEIM).

San Francisco T-22, of known reliability, on August 2, 1950, advised that RUDOLPH OPPENHEIM was approved as a member of the Theodore Dreiser Club #2, Professional Section, San Francisco County Communist Party in July, 1950.

Cpl. J. V. ARNAUTOFF
82 SIG. CO., 82 Div.,
Fort Hood, Texas
(JACOB ARNAUTOFF, son);

Suit 101, 150 Golden Gate
Ave., (ILWU);

San Francisco Art Association
800 Chestnut Street
San Francisco;

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ALBERT M. BENDER
Memorial Trust
800 Chestnut Street
San Francisco;

Room 221, 228 Mc Allister
St., San Francisco, Calif.
(Veterans of Abraham Lincoln
Brigade);

Mrs. NORMAN K. BLANCHARD
1494 Plymouth Street
San Francisco, Calif;

Artists Equity Association
29 Alta Street, San Francisco;

American Association of
University Professors,
Eaton, Pa.;

LUCIEN LABAUDT
1407 Gough Street
San Francisco (Art Gallery);

Brandon Films, Inc.
200 West 57th Street
New York 19, N. Y.;

SCHNUR, Apt. 101
Clay and Jones Street
San Francisco, Calif.
(PAUL SCHNUR, manager of
apartment house, owned by
VINCENT HALLINAN, attorney
and IPP presidential candi-
date);

The Peninsula Film Society
Box 1302, Palo Alto, Calif.;

The American Civil Liberties Union
503 Market Street, San Francisco,
California;

365 B Street, San Mateo, Calif.
(California Water Service Co.);

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L. ARNAUTOFF
524-B N. Francisca
Redondo Beach (daughter-in-law).

San Francisco T-16 also advised that ARNAUTOFF and his wife had received other correspondence from a number of art associations.

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San Francisco T-2, on January 4, 1952, advised that he has known LYDIA and VICTOR ARNAUTOFF since approximately 1941 and has been acquainted with them in conjunction with the RAS since that time, and has been associated with them in the Russian Branch, Communist Party, since December, 1949. He stated that so far as he has been able to determine, the three sons are not in sympathy with the political beliefs of their parents, and that he has never known any of them to take part in any Communist Party or RAS activities, nor has he ever heard the parents refer to their sons in connection with such activities. T-2 is of the opinion that MICHAEL, the son of VICTOR ARNAUTOFF, requested a transfer to the Los Angeles in order to be away from his parents Communistic activities; however, he could not recall any specific statement on the part of ARNAUTOFF which left him with this impression.

A sixty-day mail cover was placed on all mail to be received at 1007 Washington Street, Colma, California, on May 27, 1952.

LEADS

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

At San Francisco, California

Will circularize the San Francisco banks to determine in which bank or banks the subject may have accounts, it being suggested that bank records be also checked under the name LYDIA VASILIEVNA ARNAUTOFF, wa., LYDIA BLONSKY, subject's wife. (Lead has been previously set out by memorandum dated May 9, 1952.) covered

Will report result of the sixty-day mail cover placed on subject's residence on May 27, 1952. covered

Will identify the subscribers of recipient of telephone toll calls from subject's residence during the period November 14, 1951, and April 1, 1952. covered

Will report subject's activities as received from confidential informants and sources of information. covered

At Palo Alto, California

Will determine what highly classified projects are being conducted at Stanford University.

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IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY	DATE RECEIVED	AGENT TO WHOM FURNISHED	FILE WHERE LOCATED
SF T-1 [redacted]	Background info. and opinion re subject and wife	2/5&8/52	SA WM. B. DILLON & SA EUGENE BOGUSLAV	100-21344-337
SF T-2 [redacted]	1941-to date	1/4/52	DE. TODD & P.C. FULLER	100-6359-711
"	Assignment of lease. SGPC to RAS 3/1/46	3/10/52	T.H.SULLIVAN	100-1189N 806A(4)
"	Rental contract between USSR, SF Consulate General and RAS--5/16/48--6/16/48	3/10/52	D.F. MULLANE	100-6359-747
"	Opinion re subject and wife re sympathies	6/5/52	S.F. FEWSTER	100-6359-779
"	Russ. Branch CP meeting 1/24/52	2/1/52	T.H.SULLIVAN	100-11889N 754A(31)
"	CP Welcoming Calif. Communist Leaders meeting, 150 Golden Gate Ave., 12/14/51	1/5/52	"	100-11889N 754A(23)
"	Russ. Branch CP meeting 2/14/52	3/10/52	"	100-11889N 754A(35)
"	Russ. Branch CP meetings 2/7/52	3/10/52	"	100-11889N 754A(33)

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"	Russ. Branch CP meeting 3/20/52	4/1/52	D.F. MULLANE	100-11889N 806A (6)
"	Russ. Branch CP meeting 3/13/52	3/20/52	T.H. SULLIVAN	100-11889N 806A (2)
"	Russ. Branch CP meeting 5/1/52	5/21/52	D.F. MULLANE	100-11889N 806A (23)
"	Russ. Branch CP meeting 5/20/52	6/3/52	G.D. COAKLEY	100-11889N 806A (28)
"	Russ. Branch CP meeting 6/3/52	6/13/52	D.A. FLYNN	100-11889N 806A (34)
"	3/10/52--re CP control of RAS	3/10/52	T.H. SULLIVAN	100-5896-720
"	1/11/52 RAS meeting	2/1/52	T.H. SULLIVAN	100-11889N 754A (28)
"	1/23/52 Executive Board RAS meeting	2/1/52	"	100-11889N 754A (30)
"	2/8/52 RAS meeting	3/10/52	"	100-11889N-754A (34)
"	2/15/52 RAS meeting	3/10/52	"	100-11889N-754A (36)
"	2/22/52 RAS meeting	3/10/52	"	100-11889N-754A (37)
"	3/7/52 RAS meeting	3/10/52	"	100-11889N 754A (39)

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SF T-2	3/14/52 Executive Board RAS meeting	3/20/52	T.H. SULLIVAN	100-11889N-806A(3)
"	3/24/52 Executive Board meeting, RAS	4/1/52	D.F. MULLANE	100-11889N-806A(8)
"	4/4/52 Executive Board meeting, RAS	5/2/52	D.F. MULLANE	100-11889N-806A (13)
"	4/11/52 Executive Board RAS meeting	5/2/52	D.F. MULLANE	100-11889N-806A (14)
"	4/18/52 RAS meeting	5/2/52	D.F. MULLANE	100-11889N-806A (19)
"	Circular	5/21/52	D.F. MULLANE	100-11889N-806A (22)
"	5/2/52 RAS Executive Board meeting	5/21/52	D.F. MULLANE	100-11889N-806A (24)
"	5/10/52 RAS Funderal & re leadership of RAS	6/5/52	STANLEY F. FEWSTER	100-6359-779
"	5/13/52 Executive Board RAS meeting	6/3/52	G. D. COAKLEY	100-11889N-806A (25
"	5/16/52 RAS meeting	6/3/52	G. D. COAKLEY	100-11889N-806A (26
"	5/18/52 RAS celebration	6/3/52	G. D. COAKLEY	100-11889N-806A (27
"	6/6/52 RAS meeting	6/13/52	D.A. FLYNN	100-11889N-806A (35
"	1/12/52 Northern Calif. Peace Council meeting	2/1/52	T.H. SULLIVAN	100-11889N-754A (29
"		3/20/52	T.H. SULLIVAN	100-6359-744

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SF T-3 SA STANLEY F. FEWSTER & PATRICK J. HAGGERTY, JR.	4/26/52 surveillance	4/26/52	S.F. FEWSTER	100-6359-768
E.BOGUSLAV. S.F. FEWSTER, R. THAU, C.J. FLEMING, E.S. KWASNIEWSKI	4/27/52 surveillance			100-6359-768
SF T-4 [redacted]	3/3/52 re UMT	3/3/52		
SF T-5 [redacted] who requested identity be kept confidential	3/8/52	3/10/52	HENRY D. GRUSH	100-6359-729
SF T-6 [redacted]		Last contacted 6/16/52	HENRY D. GRUSH	
SF T-7 [redacted] Calif., who requested her identity be kept confidential	Re DPW sub.	11/15/51	F.R. ELLEDGE	100-6359-725
SF T-8 [redacted]	CP meeting 12/14/51	12/15/51	D.F. MULLANE	100-26272A 512A(39)
SF T-9 [redacted]	October, 1948	10/12/48	L.A. SCHON	100-11889 U-120
SF T-10 [redacted]		5/10/51	R.E. THAU	

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SF T-10 [redacted]	2/15/52 meeting sponsored by ASP	3/3/52	D.D. ROSEBERRY	100-6359-735
SF T-10 [redacted]	4/29/52 ASP meeting	5/1/52	R.E. THAU	100-30251A 43A(18)
SF T-11 [redacted]	4/29/52 ASP meeting	5/1/52	P.H. KELLERMEYER	100-33861A 41A(1)
SF T-12 [redacted]	4/29/52	5/8/52	P.J. HAGGERTY	100-32086A 279A (1) tag 290
SF T-13 [redacted]	2/19/52	2/19/52		
SF T-14 [redacted]	1/12/52	1/24/52	G.T. TUNSTALL	100-32013A-55A(11)
SF T-15 Mr. ROY MUSCIO U.S. Mail Clerk Broadmoor Village, Colma, who was given T symbol to protect identity	Year 1951	1/17/52	P.C. FULLER	100-6359-710
SF T-16 60-day mail cover	2/8/52 to 4/8/52			
SF T-17 RICHARD WOLF US Mail Carrier for Broadmoor Dist., Colma, Calif.		3/19/52	P.C. FULLER	100-6359-744
SF T-18 [redacted]	Toll calls 11/14/51 to 4/1/52	5/27/52		

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SF T-19 [redacted]	1948-1950		T.F. WILDER	100-27227
SF T-20 San Francisco Agents	Surveillance May & June, 1952	May & June, 1952	SF Agents	100-6359
SF T-21 [redacted]	4/7/52	5/1/52	D.A. FLYNN	100-31591A-76A(10)
SF T-22 [redacted]	July, 1950	8/2/50	J.G. CARLISLE	100-11889H-133A (22)
SF T-23 [redacted]	6/3/52	6/3/52		

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REFERENCE

Report of SA PAUL C. FULLER dated 3/21/52 at San Francisco.

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